



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Duchesne City Council will be held at the Duchesne City Office Building, 500 East Main, Duchesne, UT at the above date and time. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Roll Call, Prayer, Pledge, Minutes

Minutes:

Mayor Rodney Rowley conducted the meeting. City Recorder, Kim Riggle, took minutes. City Council Members present were Jason Baker, Dawnette Browning, Bryce Hamilton, and Jeannie Mecham. Council Member Danny Peatross entered the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Public Attendees: Ryan Allred, Cody Ivie, Roland Hamilton, Danita Hinton, Tina Miera, Susan Hamilton, and Deb Herron.

Council Member Jason Baker offered the prayer.

Mayor Rodney Rowley led the Council and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Peatross to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019.

- Council Member Baker – Aye
- Council Member Browning – Aye
- Council Member Hamilton – Aye
- Council Member Mecham – Aye
- Council Member Peatross – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Business License

Minutes:

Tina Miera opened a retail store, My Style Vintage, on the southeast corner of Center and Main. She will sell vintage items. Council Member Mecham asked about the items she will sell in the store. Tina explained that she will sell 1920's vintage furniture, wall hangings, jewelry, novelty items that are not classified as antiques

(older than 100 years). The items in her store are considered classic vintage. She used to have a shop where 2nd Hand Rose is located. Council Member Baker asked when her hours of operation would be. She said she will be open on Saturdays, 10 am - 6 pm. Council Member Browning expressed gratitude to Tina for buying the building and cleaning it up.

MOTION by Council Member Browning and seconded by Council Member Mecham to give Tina Miera a business license for My Style Vintage contingent upon her completing the checklist on the application.

- Council Member Baker – Aye
- Council Member Browning – Aye
- Council Member Hamilton – Aye
- Council Member Mecham – Aye
- Council Member Peatross – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Planning And Zoning

Minutes:

Deb Herron reported on the August 26th Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

- She passed out copies of the letter that was sent to land owners who recently asked for street vacations. The Commission feels it is best to communicate in writing any decisions made by the Commission to both the land owners and the City Council. Also the minutes for the meetings will be available on TownCloud for the Council Members to review.
- The Commission began to review the Master Plan however the copies available are limited and are draft versions so Deb is in the process of obtaining copies from Epic Engineers. The Commission is required to update the master plan every 5 years and it has now been 10 years since it has been reviewed. Council Member Peatross asked if an electronic copy is available. Deb explained that she is in contact with the secretary of Epic Engineers to get hard copies as well as electronic copies.
- The Commission reviewed the applications for appointing new members to the empty commission seats for vote before the City Council. The Commission believes any and all of the applicants would serve very well and recommends the Council use their best judgement in choosing a new member.
- Lastly, the Commission also reviewed the proper way to deal with subdivisions and the powers and duties of the Commission.

4. Vote on new P & Z Members

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley explained to the Council that they will be voting on two seats available in the Planning Commission, one voting seat and one alternate. Council

Member Browning asked if it was ever determined if Bruce Peatross is legal to serve on the Commission. Mayor Rowley believes he is legal to serve on the Commission but he does not necessarily want to serve at this time. The Mayor then invited each of the candidates to approach the podium and introduce themselves.

- Ryan Allred introduced himself. Council Member Peatross asked why he thought he was qualified for the position. Ryan has been involved in surveying and planning his whole professional career. Land use issues affect him everyday in his job. Council Member Hamilton asked him about his underlying principles that guide his decisions. His religious philosophies drive his decision making process. He is very conservative in his political standing. He believes the government has a place but thinks people should be left alone in their day to day decisions. In regards to health and safety issues, he believes the Commission should be more careful in their decisions. Council Member Peatross asked about the conflicts of interest that could arise because of his professional standing as it relates to serving on the Planning Commission. Ryan responded that conflicts of interest are not illegal as long as they are disclosed from the beginning. In some instances it is impossible to avoid because of living in a small community. If it is an issue, he can remove his opinion from the discussion. Council Member Peatross asked about plat checking procedures. Mayor Rowley explained that our ordinances do outline a checklist for plat maps.
- Cody Ivie just recently obtained his real estate license. His perspective is a little different than Ryan's because his background is in finance and making sure a community has a vibrant financial plan to encourage business. For example, Eagle Mountain has thousands of homes but only one convenient store. This is a failing plan. He believes Duchesne has a great deal of potential and he believes it is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to look forward and prepare for future growth. Council Member Baker asked about his views of personal property. Cody believes in personal property rights but eminent domain has a place. However, recreation should never trump personal property rights. Council Member Hamilton asked about personal beliefs that govern his decision making process. Cody discussed personal integrity as being paramount.
- Roland Hamilton was asked to apply and is interested in the position. He would like to see Duchesne stay small. He also believes integrity is important and that personal property rights are first and foremost. Council Member Hamilton asked the same question of Roland that he asked of the other two candidates. Religion is his big guiding factor. He believes he has an obligation to help other people. Council Member Hamilton said beliefs color your

actions. Danita Hinton asked if serving on the commission would be affected by serving with his father. Roland believes he can separate his personal life from the commission responsibilities.

The Council discussed the number of seats available. According to the City code there are only 5 seats total and currently there are only 4 members serving. Traditionally, the Commission has voted on one seat and one alternate because of the lack of interest in serving. The Council decided to vote for two members and whichever candidate received the most votes would be the voting member and the two remaining candidates would serve as alternates. The Council voted but the vote was not publically announced. Mayor Rowley announced that Roland received the most votes, so he will serve as the voting member and Ryan and Cody will serve as alternates.

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Peatross to accept the vote.

- Council Member Baker – Aye
- Council Member Browning – Aye
- Council Member Hamilton – Aye
- Council Member Mecham – Aye
- Council Member Peatross – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Christmas Tree Lighting /Festival- Robin Calkins

Minutes:

Robin Calkins was not in attendance.

6. Arts Council - Danita Hinton

Minutes:

Danita Hinton reported on the July 4th celebration. She thanked the Council for cutting and serving watermelon. Some great things have come about because of the success of the event. Uintah Basin Musician Association is now looking at Duchesne City to hold events and raise money for charities. They are going to help organize the New Year's Eve party and next year's 4th of July celebration. All around the day was pretty great. There was a 3-hour break (2-5 pm) for transitions between events. Food vendors saw a significant increase in sales because people came for lunch and dinner. There was something for everybody. The Arts Council will continue to organize the concert and activities in future years. There was some discussion about the issues with bathroom facilities and trash receptacles. The Arts Council was not prepared for the number of people that came out for the event. These issues will definitely be addressed for next year. Council Member Baker

commented on the Band and some of the content. He wondered if the Band was as family friendly as this community wanted. Danita said the Arts Council was under time constraints to get a band and the band that performed was a last resort.

Danita then explained what is coming up.

September 19-20 is the Homecoming t-shirt painting event.

October 28th is a Polynesian Cultural night. There will be an elementary school assembly and evening performance with a pop-up cafe for prepaid dinner purchases. Danita is looking for volunteers in the Youth City Government. there is no YCG yet. People really liked having the dinner/show combo. Ryan Allred asked about the conflict with Planning and Zoning meeting. The Commission will discuss it in the next meeting. Council Member Baker expressed his gratitude for all that the Arts Council does.

7. 15 Minute Open Session

Minutes:

Nothing was discussed during this portion of the meeting.

8. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

Minutes:

Nothing was discussed.

9. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business

Minutes:

Flowers on Kohl's side of Main Street look really bad so they will be taken down this week. The Council discussed the possible problems. The planters look good but not as good as Myton's and Roosevelt's planters.

Bowling alley has 4 lanes that are down. There are parties this week and leagues start next week. Because of the new sewer line project, there have been none of the workers available to go and fix the issues with the bowling alley. Brief discussion about the sewer line project across from the Baptist Church. Lane worked on the bowling lanes today because 2 city workers are gone to meetings this week so the sewer is on hold.

Council Member Baker asked if Mayor Rowley has met with the County about the drainage issues with the fairground parking lot. Mayor Rowley has not yet discussed the issue with the County.

Council Member Browning asked if the Steeds paid the city bill. Not yet, but Mayor Rowley spoke to their lawyer this morning. They have had two more leaks this week and were working on leaks today. A few weeks ago they were informed that they

cannot pump the water into the City's sewer system anymore because the clay is beginning to build up and damage the grinder equipment. Lane Genereaux caught them pumping water into the system this week. Mayor Rowley does not know what to do about this. The letter sent to them says that the City will shut off their water. Council Member Hamilton suggested the Council meet in a work meeting after Council Meeting to discuss the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns conference. Kim Riggle informed the Council they could not meet in a work meeting because there was not notice given 24 hours in advance. Council Member Hamilton suggested the Council talk about the schedule at their upcoming work meeting. Council Member Peatross asked about the boardwalk. Who is responsible? Mayor Rowley explained that it is located on county property. He said that some of the boards had been replaced recently so he believes someone is maintaining it. Council Member Peatross said he would take a look at it.

10. Work Session

Minutes:

A work meeting is planned for next Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6 pm.

11. Executive Session

Minutes:

There was no executive session called.

12. Adjournment

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Baker seconded by Mecham to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

- Council Member Baker – Aye
- Council Member Browning – Aye
- Council Member Hamilton – Aye
- Council Member Mecham – Aye
- Council Member Peatross – Aye

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest

Rodney Rowley, Mayor: _____

Kim Riggle, City Recorder: _____