



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm

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 Danny Peatross. Council Member Jeannie Meacham was excused.

Public Attendees: Alan Rydman, Jenny Adams, Susan Hamilton and Deb Herron.

Council Member Dawnette Browning 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 Browning to approve the minutes from September 10, 2019.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Business License

Minutes:

There were no business licenses brought before the Council at this time.

3. Planning And Zoning

Minutes:

Deb Herron reported to the Council on the Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting on 9/23/19. Mike Hansen came to conduct a training similar to the training he did for the City Council in June. He focused specifically on roles, duties and responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission and how to use a General Plan. Deb summarized the meeting as follows:

- There is a difference between general plans and master plans. General Plans

- outline a city's vision and guide the decision making process, for example about growth and zoning issues. The General Plan is also guided by and should point to the U.S. Constitution as its foundation. Master Plans go into more details about specific systems within a city. For example a Roads Master Plan will include engineered drawings and detail how thick the asphalt will be.
- Utah State requires all municipalities to have a general plan. Duchesne City's General Plan says that it shall be updated every 5 years. Mike suggested the Commission change that wording to "may" be updated every 5 years. Also, the General Plan should inform the City's Code.
 - Mike outlined how our General Plan aligns and does not align with State Code. He gave the Commission suggestions on how to make the Plan better. He also talked about costs for an update and the steps required to update it. Most of the work can be done in-house, but it would be good to have it reviewed by an outside expert.
 - The Commission got some good information and now has a plan to move forward with updating the General Plan.

4. Christmas Light Festival - Robin Calkins

Minutes:

Robin was not able to attend the meeting. She will move forward with plans for the Christmas Light Festival and report to the Council as the event draws closer.

5. Steeds Water Bill

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley met with the Steed's lawyer who recommended that they pay the bill. However, no payment has been made and no penalties have been charged yet. Council Member Browning and Hamilton asked about putting liens against the water company. Depending on how the lien is placed, Duchesne City may not see any of the money. Council Member Hamilton suggested shutting their water off if they don't pay. The State sent a letter informing the company and the public that the water system is no longer certified. The water system cannot maintain proper pressure. They have failed to install back flow or check valves along the line to prevent the entire system from draining every time there is a leak. Jenny Adams asked if the City could put a lien against the Steeds. The Council discussed how to go about that process. Council Member Peatross suggested giving 7 days notice or their water will be turned off. Council Member Hamilton asked if there was a legal time limit and what the due process was to shut the water off. He thought 10 days would be sufficient. Mayor Rowley said he would have a letter drafted this week. Council Member Browning wondered what word of mouth would do to put some

pressure on the company. Council Member Peatross suggested giving them the minimum amount of time to pay before shutting the water off.

6. Flooding Issue - Jenny Adams

Minutes:

Jenny Adams approached the Council and wants an answer to the issue of all the water flooding in her neighborhood. Her floors are beginning to buckle because of all the moisture. She believes some of the responsibility lies with the County and they should be held accountable. The Council discussed possible solutions to the problem and what has been done in the past. Jenny said there are pipes still in the ground but the water can't get to those pipes to drain the water correctly. The Council discussed meeting with the County. Mayor Rowley said the County is willing to meet to discuss the problem, they just need to set a date. Mayor Rowley will get on the County Commissioner's agenda for the next meeting. Council Member Hamilton suggested they take a trip down to the area. Council Member Peatross asked if an engineer needed to be involved. Mayor Rowley discussed the elevations and believes the problem is straight forward. He said when the City pumped the water into the established ditch last spring there was not as much of a problem. Jenny said there are ditches that have developed showing where the water flows directly onto her property. Mayor Rowley said the City may need to build a pond on City property to handle the excess water in the wetter months. Council Member Hamilton said they would meet tomorrow to look at the problem and suggested meeting with the County as soon as possible. Jenny asked the Council if it were their houses what would they do. Jenny has been nice and has not brought a lawsuit but she is done being nice.

7. Bowling Alley - Stephanie Robinson

Minutes:

Stephanie is waiting to find out if there are stipulations in the CUP contract when the bowling alley was turned over to the City that allow for leasing of the facility. If the contract does not allow anyone to lease the building, then there is no point in pursuing a lease agreement.

8. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

Minutes:

There was one complaint about people needing to clean up their yards, but the person who wrote the complaint did not sign their name.

9. 15 Minute Open Session

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- Alan Rydman reported that 48 children were taken for rides during the Young Eagles event. There were at least 8 airplanes that came to give rides. Within a day and a half of the online reservation system being opened, the schedule was full. Alan had a good time taking kids for rides. Alan asked about an airplane that is parked at the airport that is missing an engine. Mayor Rowley explained that the plane lost its engine above Bonita and the owner loaded it onto a flatbed truck and drove it to Duchesne Airport and he is fixing it here. Council Member Hamilton asked about the upcoming UAOA conference. It will be next week in Vernal.
- Council Member Hamilton discussed a recent federal ruling that may legalize women going topless. He suggested the pool may want to consider establishing a dress code at the swimming pool. The Council discussed the ruling and how it will affect City property. Council Member Browning will talk to Jessica North (Pool Manager) about this issue and report back to the Council. Council Member Hamilton will text the news article to Kim and she will email the Council the link. He wants this topic as an agenda item for the next City Council Meeting. Mayor Rowley suggested a resolution might be needed.
- Council Member Peatross brought up Civco's Safe Routes to School Open House. The Council discussed the school district's interest in funding the open house, and how this public outreach is gathering information about various walking paths throughout the city. They also discussed some of the more problematic walking paths throughout the city.
- Council Member Browning reported on the Main Street project. She discussed some issues with watering along Main Street and how the State is putting pressure on cities to conserve water. She wondered how much it would cost to install cement in some places, i.e. in front of Burger King, and then stamp it. She believes if there is a plan in place to eliminate some of the public watering requirements, then it will look better for the City when Lane Genereaux reports to State at his upcoming training. The Council discussed the longevity of stamping and compared that to installing paving stones. Council Member Browning said the cement doesn't have to be stamped. She asked about how much was left in the budget. Mayor Rowley said he would get come back to discussing the project budget.

10. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business**Minutes:**

- Mayor Rowley presented the Council with a plat map of the cemeteries that

Allred and Associates are working on. Council Member Browning asked what the cost of a plot was. Each plot costs \$200 with an additional open/close fee of \$200. The Council discussed the costs of taking care of the Strawberry Cemetery. Part of the problem is the pump, which is submerged approximately 60 feet below the surface of the lake, is on its side when it is designed to stand straight up. Council Member Hamilton discussed some pump designs and possible solutions.

- Mayor Rowley reported on the water break on the Bench that occurred today. Everyone from 500 N down to 100 N were out of water. The break occurred in the middle of the asphalt. It is fixed and water service has been restored.
- Mayor Rowley reported that the sewer project next to Matt Skewes' house has been completed and everything looks good.
- Mayor Rowley reported that he signed a contract with the Trust to meet our insurance needs. He talked about safety incentive programs available and some rebates the City is eligible for and is now receiving. With Paul's injury, the Mayor should have been proactive about getting him back on light duty as soon as possible by discussing the issue with the doctor directly. He now knows he can do that so things will be different in the future.
- Mayor Rowley reported on some dog bites that happened recently. Mona Farnsworth was bit by one of Clint Ivie's dogs. She has completed an incident report.

11. Work Session

Minutes:

There is a work meeting scheduled for October 1, 2019 at 5 pm to open Request For Qualifications packets submitted for the airport planning project.

12. Executive Session

Minutes:

There was no executive session called at this time.

13. Adjournment

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton seconded by Council Member Baker to adjourn.

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

◦ Council Member Peatross – Aye
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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