



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

Dominion Energy Franchise Agreement

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:

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 was excused.

Public Attendees: Becky and Ryan Weimer, Lane Genereaux, Mona Farnsworth, Ken and Cris Bird, Susan Hamilton, Dawnette Moon, Representative Kera Birkeland, Mike Taylor, and Deb Herron.

Council Member Baker offered the prayer.

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

2. Minutes

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Baker to approve the minutes from September 22, 2020.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Bills

Smith Hartvigsen Invoice

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Browning, seconded by Council Member Mecham to pay the bills.

- Council Member Baker – Aye

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Financial Statement Budget Review

Minutes:

The Council reviewed the budget report showing all expenses to date.

5. Charges & Credits

Minutes:

The Council reviewed the Charges and Credits report.

6. Business License

Minutes:

Becky and Ryan Weimer presented their business, Daja Brew, to the Council. They have permission to place a drive-thru coffee shop on Alan Poulson's property next to Al's Foodtown. They will clean up the empty lot. They hope to be open by Halloween. The coffee shop is a mobile trailer and will be open year round.

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Browning to give Becky and Ryan Weimer a business license for Daja Brew.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Fly Overs Next to JRJ Property / Gravel Pit Lease - Ken Bird

Minutes:

Ken and Cris Bird approached the Council about a proposition for obtaining the right to dig gravel on City property in exchange for fill material to be given to the City. Ken explained that several years ago, Duchesne City purchased land from the Wrights to be used as fly-over property adjacent to the airport. JRJ Services would like to excavate the 4.31 acres to a depth of 20 ft. at a price of \$0.75 per cubic yard over the next 5 years. Cris estimates 172,000 cubic yards of material will be removed totalling \$129,000 in value. Ken and Cris spoke with the County Planning department to discuss permitting. There would be no need for a special use permit because no crushing will happen on the premises as all the material will be taken to the existing crusher. Ken and Chris understood the City used to trade with the County which took material from the City's gravel pit in exchange for road base. JRJ would like to enter into a similar agreement with Duchesne City. The Council asked if JRJ's operation would interfere with airport operations. JRJ's equipment will never

be higher than the tanks currently located on the property and the operation will maintain a 2/1 slope with 50 ft. easements. They are currently in negotiations with the property owners to the south of the property in question for a similar deal. The Council asked about the old gravel pit. EP Energy just purchased 19 acres. There is a new contract in the area and Ken and Cris are excited for the prospect of providing the gravel. The Council would like time to review the proposal. Ken said they were not in a hurry and can wait for the Council's decision.

8. CDBG Capital Improvement List

Minutes:

The Council reviewed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 1-year and 5-year project priority lists. The Council discussed bathrooms for Wallace Park, the Blue Bench Irrigation line extension, the Hillside Avenue trail, and the Fire Station addition. The Council is in agreement that Duchesne City cannot afford any more debt. Council Member Hamilton asked about the UDOT Safe Sidewalks program. Mayor Rowley explained there is only \$86,000 available in that program for this entire region. It would be nice to get a sidewalk up Hwy 191 to the cemetery but \$86,000 doesn't go very far. Mayor Rowley explained that submitting this list is the first step in getting CDBG money. Following the list submission, the Council must hold a public hearing for the specific projects to be started next year. The Council has to decide what projects should go on the 1-year list and in which order. The Council discussed the importance of each of the projects and what order to place them on the list. They decided to place the Fire Station first followed by the irrigation line extension second and the Hillside Trail third on the list. Mayor Rowley will submit the list to the CDBG Board to begin the process of getting funding.

9. Ordinance 20-3 Dominion Energy Franchise Agreement

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley explained this agreement is very similar to the old agreement with some changes he made including making the contract for 10 years instead of 30 years. Council Member Baker suggested the Council schedule a work meeting to discuss the CARES Act applications and the Dominion Energy Agreement. The Council decided to meet on October 20th at 6 pm. Each member will have copies to review beforehand.

10. Gateway Health and Wellness special Service District Update- Council Member Browning

Minutes:

Council Member Browning reported on last night's meeting. It was a Q&A session with lots of participation. She is not sure how the vote will go in November. Council Member Baker mentioned that the meeting before seemed to have more nays than

last night's meeting. Mayor Rowley said some county residents seemed to be willing to support the Gateway Recreation and Wellness District if the rate were changed. Council Member Baker said the State Tax Commission set the 0.0014 rate but the District's bylaws will keep the rate at 0.0008 as long as the bylaws aren't changed. The public will have to stay involved in order to keep the rate at 0.0008. Council Member Browning will get a copy of the draft bylaws for the work meeting.

11. Planning And Zoning

Minutes:

Deb Herron reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will have a public hearing on Monday, October 19, to discuss the proposed street vacation. The Commission will also review the results of the public survey for the general plan.

12. 15 Minute Open Session

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- Lane Genereaux explained that the Mayor authorized some recent purchases including a sewer camera, valve exerciser for the fire hydrants, and manhole and valve lifter. This equipment is much appreciated and will help city workers do their jobs better. He requested another piece of equipment, an asphalt saw to be able to cut into the streets when necessary. Given the cost of recent street repairs, Lane estimates the saw would pay for itself as city workers complete the work themselves instead of contracting it out. The Council and Mayor discussed the estimated cost and invited Lane to submit competitive quotes.
- Mona Farnsworth commented on the beauty of the flowers on Main Street and complimented city workers on how good the parks look. She then reported that the Duchesne Arts Council is up and running again with several things coming up. She distributed flyers for Art Escape on Monday October 26 which includes painting sugar skulls on foam pumpkins. The elementary school is working on black light art that will be used to create an Art Walk for Halloween night in conjunction with the PTO's Carnival and the Pope House's buggy rides and tours. The Business Alliance wanted to be involved as well but will probably have their Main Street parade on Thursday, October 29, during usual business hours and on the day when the elementary school has their class Halloween parties. Because of the firefighters located at the Centennial building, the Arts Council has moved the Art Walk to the Duchesne Arts Council room behind the library. Mona invited the Council to come and participate in planned activities.
- Kera Birkeland, niece of Donnette Moon, addressed the Council to introduce herself. She is a member of the Utah House of Representatives representing

District 53 of which Duchesne City is a part. She wanted to attend tonight to learn more about the community and offer her services as a representative in Utah's capital. The Council thanked her for coming tonight.

- Bob Hoopes addressed the Council to express his objection to the proposed street vacation on 400 N. adjacent to blocks 123 and 124. He doesn't think it is legal because it blocks off access to tribal lots. He wants to trade lots with the Tribe but they have not been friendly for the last 25 years. Additionally, Bob's lots would be affected and he may want to build a home on one of them in the future.
- Mike Taylor said the flowers on Main Street look great this year.
- Susan Hamilton addressed the Council to say that she loves what is going on in the business community. She is impressed by the businesses opening inside businesses, referring to Nourish supporting professionals in that building and Aunt Nee's Pizza partnering with Rustic Roots to bring a coffee and sweets shop into the area. She encouraged the Council to be open to alternate ideas. Council Member Baker encouraged supporting local businesses.

13. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

Minutes:

There was nothing new to report.

14. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business

Minutes:

- Mayor Rowley reported on the Firemen located in the City parks. He negotiated the contract for \$500/day for use of the ball fields and Riverwalk Park and \$150/day for the airport. Council Member Baker asked why our firefighters were not being used on the wild fires. Mona had spoken with some of the firemen at the park and they told her they like to keep the local fire departments available for local needs. Council Member Baker asked why the Myton City fire department just made \$125,000 for fighting the fires up Rock Creek.
- Mayor Rowley explained that Duchesne City is charged \$9 per light per month by Moon Lake Electric. He encouraged anyone that sees a light out to report it so that it can get fixed. Lane Genereaux has driven around with Marty Herrera creating a list of all the street lights out. The list for the southside of town is complete.
- Deb Herron told the Council she received a quote from Carl's Carpet to install blinds in the Council room. She will send out an email to the Council with the quote.

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- Council Member Hamilton asked to have all of the Council Meeting materials prepared in advance to be projected on the screen so that the public can see what the Council sees.
- Mayor Rowley reported that the School District has purchased the old Spur Café (the property where Eddie Goergan has the Red Barn). The School District will use the property however they see fit. Mayor Rowley is upset because that property will never again have a business there to generate revenue for the City in what is considered prime Main Street real estate. He understands the owners of the property are from out of town and sold it at a lower price than it could have been sold.
- Council Member Browning suggested giving Wiley and Emily Blanchard a nice thank you gift for taking such good care of the flowers on Main Street this year. The Council discussed an appropriate amount and decided to give them \$150.

15. Work Session

Minutes:

There was a work meeting scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 6 pm to discuss the CARES Act Small Business Economic Recovery Grant applications, Dominion Energy Franchise Agreement, and JRJ's proposal.

16. Executive Session

Minutes:

There was no Executive Session called.

17. Adjournment

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Browning to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Kim Riggle, Recorder: _____

Rodney Rowley, Mayor: _____

adopted on 10/27/2020