



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

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, Jeannie Mecham, and Danny Peatross.

Public Attendees: Kristy Wilde, Kristin Christensen, Mandy White, Wade Poulson, Brandon Bench, and Brandon White.

Council Member Peatross offered the prayer.

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

2. Minutes

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Browning, seconded by Council Member Peatross to approve the minutes from November 10, 2020 with 2 corrections.

- 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. Business License

Brandon White - Uintah Basin Spine and Disc Center

Minutes:

Brandon White practices in Roosevelt and has quite a few clients over in Duchesne that he works with. He would maintain his clinic in Roosevelt Monday-Thursday, and would be in Duchesne on Fridays. His clinic would be set up in Eagle Fitness.

MOTION by Council Member Hamilton, seconded by Council Member Mecham to give Uintah Basin Spine and Disc Center a business license.

- 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.

4. Duchesne High School Drama Students

Minutes:

No one from the High School was in attendance.

5. Brandon Bench - High School Auditorium

Minutes:

- Brandon presented the Council with the new plans for the High School addition. The School Board discussed adding a balcony to the auditorium and asked the architects to estimate the added cost. Brandon explained the balcony would bring the seating up to 1201 seats which the Drama department has been asking for for years. Normally, the School District would build only what is required for the student body, which is 800 seats for Duchesne High School. When the Roosevelt Junior High School was built the auditorium was designed much larger because the community got involved and organized funding for a larger facility, The School District Board is committed to building the 800-seat auditorium for DHS but to upgrade to the 1200 seats, the Board would like to see the community invest in the addition similar to how Roosevelt City was involved. Brandon suggested Duchesne City, the Rec District, and the Duchesne County Commissioners could coordinate efforts to get funding for the addition.
- The School Board also proposed a soccer field be built adjacent to the ball fields. Most schools of DHS's size are offering soccer so the board discussed building a soccer field or installing turf on the football field to accommodate multiple seasons. Brandon said he had been to the County Commissioners and they are interested in getting more parking for the Event Center and the ballfield complex and would be willing to put money into this project. Kristin Christensen (?) explained some of the ideas for the layout of the ballfields. Brandon discussed the plans and said the school district would put all the money into building the fields if the City would keep ownership and maintain all the fields and structures.
- The Board requested that if the City does go in with the County to get funding from CIB, they request not only the \$1.2 million for the auditorium balcony but additional funds to help offset the cost of the sports complex. Brandon suggested the request could be for \$2.5 million and the money the School District would have spent on the sports complex could be used to pay off any CIB loan. Mayor Rowley asked about the timeline. Brandon said the School Board was waiting to see how the property values in the area would be assessed for this tax season to know if the School Board could bond for the full DHS Phase 3. If everything comes back favorably, the School Board would accept bids beginning in 2022.
- Brandon suggested the Council has a little time to decide but not a lot because

the CIB grant/loan cycle begins soon. Also, whether the City or County leads in this coalition will need to be determined. Brandon suggested the Council does not need to make a decision tonight but consider the options. He also requested the Council look the plans over and bring any suggestions for changes to his attention.

- Mayor Rowley suggested the School District make one school for Tabby, Altamont, and Duchesne. He wishes there was less emphasis on sports and more on academics. Brandon noted on the plans that the shop and technology classrooms were decreased in size with the new plans. He said Brian Bleazard was going to the Board to discuss not diminishing these programs at the expense of the sports programs. Council Member Browning asked about what the plan is for the area around the Pope House. Brandon discussed some ideas that have been talked about but nothing has been decided. The Mayor expressed appreciation for Brandon's willingness to come to City Council and report on what is going on with the High School plans. There are some things that have been brought up with the School Board in the past but Mayor Rowley has never heard back from Superintendent Brotherson. One issue is with help paying for the crossing guard positions. Another issue is the school using the bowling alley. The City would like to have an agreement in place for the school to use the facility. Brandon brought up another issue that the school is facing. When Phase 3 begins, the old gym will be torn down and P.E. classroom space will be limited. The school may have a greater need for using the bowling alley. Mayor Rowley does not want to be hostile about the school using the facility, but believes the citizens should not subsidize the school P.E. program. Brandon said he would bring these two issues before the Board.

6. Ken & Chris Bird - Gravel Pit Request

Minutes:

The Council briefly discussed this item and where it is located. Council Member Browning suggested this topic be discussed in a work meeting on Tuesday, Dec 1, at 6 pm.

7. River Heights Subdivision Lot exchange - Alan Poulson

Minutes:

Wade Poulson represented Alan. Mayor Rowley explained that since the last meeting more information has come to light. The Lots were not given to the City as a place to put a catch basin as previously thought. The lots need to be appraised and the exchange should be value for value. Mayor Rowley suggested the Council discuss the lot exchange at the work meeting on Dec 1. Mayor Rowley provided Wade with a copy of everything the Council is using to make their decision. Wade discussed the reason for the trade is so they can obtain more lots but the top of the hill is more rocky and it would be harder to bring utilities to those lots. They are not interested in half a cul-de-sac so the trade would have to be the 2 lots on the bottom for the 4 lots on the top.

They were under the impression that the trade would help solve the City's problem with water runoff. Council Member Peatross summarized the issues with developing the lots sporadically and the City being required to install the utilities for the subdivision when that is usually the subdivision developer's responsibility. Wade will take this information back to Alan. Council Member Peatross then asked about the timeline for the development. Wade explained it is their intent to develop the lots essentially simultaneously bringing the utilities to all the lots at once. The Council discussed where the existing utilities are located and how the curb and gutter requirement made the development cost prohibitive. Council Member Peatross explained how the curb and gutter doesn't work without some way of controlling the water once it is collected in the gutters. Council Member Baker understood that each house in the subdivision would be required to have a swell built on the front of each lot to deal with water runoff in lieu of curb and gutter. Mayor Rowley invited Wade to the work meeting on Dec 1 to discuss the issues with the lot swap.

8. Encroachment Agreement for Travis Peterson property

Minutes:

The Council needs to decide what the wording should be for an agreement between Travis Peterson and Duchesne City.

9. Western Uintah Basin Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Appointment

Minutes:

- The Council needs to decide who to appoint to the Board of Trustees since the vacancy created by Bob Ketterer's passing. The Council discussed the responsibilities of the Board Member. The Mosquito abatement district used to take calls from the public to determine where the greatest need is in the County, but last year they were overwhelmed with phone calls.
- The Mayor presented the annual budget to the Council. He will give them time to review the budget and then acknowledge receipt of the document. The Council discussed the budget and what it pays for. There will be a public hearing in December that all are invited to attend.

10. 15 Minute Open Session

Minutes:

- Kristin Christensen and Mandy White approached the Council to request that the bowling alley not be closed until leagues have completed for the season which ends in March. There are 2 leagues and some of the people are coming from out of town because Ft. Duchesne's bowling alley is now closed to anyone who is not a tribal member and the Vernal bowling alley is closed. Council Member Baker asked what the leagues would do about the bowling alley. Kristin understands the City's dilemma with the costs associated with keeping the bowling alley open. The Council discussed possible solutions.
- Kristy Wilde talked about turning on the school lights on Main Street during the

lunch hour because the kids don't always use the crosswalk to cross the street. She has seen many kids almost get hit by drivers.

11. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

Minutes:

There was nothing discussed.

12. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business

Minutes:

- The Mayor informed the Council that 2 of the 4 employees at the Bowling Alley contracted COVID. The Mayor hired Christina Spencer's daughter to help out for a while.
- The Council discussed what to do with the remaining CARES Act money. Michelle Culpepper put in an application after the deadline. The Council decided to give the remaining money to Michelle.
- Council Member Peatross asked to have the lightbulb in the parking lot be replaced.
- The Council discussed the City Council meeting schedule for December. The Christmas party has been postponed until February.
- Mayor informed the Council that the City employees were donating to a fund to help some City residents with their water bills. He invited anyone on the Council who wanted to contribute to the fund to get with Kim by November 30th.

13. Work Session

Minutes:

There was a work meeting scheduled for December 1st at 6 pm.

14. Executive Session

Minutes:

There was no executive session called.

15. Adjournment

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Peatross to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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:

Kim Riggle, Recorder: _____

Rodney Rowley: _____

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