



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 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, Bryce Hamilton, Jeannie Mecham, and Danny Peatross. Mayor Rowley distributed a copy of Council Member Dawnette Browning's letter of resignation, effective immediately. Mayor Rowley explained that Council Member Browning was very upset with him regarding the painting of the tank. The Council briefly discuss the resignation and what should happen next.

Public Attendees: Alan Rydman, Jenny Adams, Lane Genereaux, Kathy Blanchard, Bryce Blanchard, Wylie Blanchard, and Deb Herron.

Mayor Rowley offered the prayer.

2. Minutes

Minutes:

MOTION by Council Member Peatross, seconded by Council Member Baker to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Business License

Minutes:

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

4. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Money

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley explained that the first tranche of the ARPA money had been distributed a while ago but the State just sent the regulations regarding how the

money could and could not be spent. Four documents explaining the regulations were attached to the agenda but not until this afternoon so the Council had not had a chance to read the material. The Mayor invited them to read the documents and this item would be put on the next agenda.

5. Fire Protection Contract

Minutes:

The Council briefly looked at the contract. This item will be included on the next agenda.

6. Duchesne County Mitigation Plan Participation

Minutes:

Mayor Rowley explained that Duchesne City has been invited to participate in the County's mitigation plan. Council Member Hamilton asked what Duchesne City gets in return for their participation. In case of a natural disaster, Duchesne City would be eligible to receive FEMA money. Mayor Rowley explained that this agreement is tied to the Fire Protection Contract. The Council discussed whether or not to have a work meeting to discuss these documents. They decided to review the contract and plan participation and discuss them at the next City Council meeting.

7. Main Street Water Conservation Project - Council Member Browning

Minutes:

Council Member Browning was not present to discuss this item. Council Member Mecham thought Council Member Browning sent an email that said Duchesne City was not eligible to receive the Central Utah Water grant money because there were not enough shrubs along Main Street. She will check and see if she can find the email.

8. Arrow Property Purchase

Minutes:

The Council discussed the price and figured it would cost the City about \$70,000 per acre including the interest on the loan. The Council thought this price was very expensive. Council Member Mecham asked if this was something the City needed. Mayor Rowley said no. Council Member Mecham said the City should not buy the property. She said there was no need to put the city water in bond for 15-20 years with the future of the economy so uncertain. She also expressed concern for the increase in traffic on and off the highway and she feels like there are many more things the City needs to do right now. Council Member Peatross did some research on the property and found that the gap between the two properties is actually owned by Duchesne City and is not an error in the County Tax Parcel Viewer as Mayor Rowley thought. The Council discussed how the gate into the property off of Highway 40 was moved so the semi-trucks could drive straight into the yard. There is still an offset from where the gate actually is and where the gap is shown on the parcel viewer. Council Member Peatross suggested Jerry Allred could set 2 pins where the gate is and that would correct the problem on the County's survey. The City might be in a better

position than originally thought. When Council Member Peatross plotted the property lines, he found that the gap gives access to the sewer ponds but someone needs to make sure the workers can drive all the way around the ponds. The Council discussed this proposed purchase is a want and not a need. One advantage for owning the property and putting the City shop here is that it gets valuable equipment out of the middle of town and makes accessing the sewer ponds safer. Council Member Peatross mentioned the legal description shows use for the City and suggested the City might have sold this parcel a long time ago. Arrow needs to know that the City has access through this area. The middle parcel had a description from the 1970's and Council Member Peatross suggested the property lines might have just been drawn on paper with no survey backing them up. He is pretty confident the gap was intentional allowing the City access to their ponds. The Council decided this purchase might not be in the City's best interest at this time. Council Member Mecham asked if a motion should be made. Mayor Rowley said he had not committed to anything and so a motion was not necessary. Mayor Rowley will let Arrow know tomorrow that the City is not interested in buying the property.

9. Planning And Zoning

Minutes:

Deb Herron reported on the Planning and Zoning meeting held on October 25th. She filled the Commissioners in on the City Council's discussion about Chad Tegan putting a fence across the alleyway next to his house. Chad did not attend the P&Z meeting so nothing new was brought before the Commissioners. The Commission then spent the rest of the meeting discussing the general plan. Ryan Allred is preparing the rest of the maps to be included, Danita Hinton will get the table of contents completed, and Cody Ivie is still working on the Affordable Housing section. The Commission hopes to have a final draft ready by the next City Council meeting. After the City Council approves the draft, the general plan will go out for a public comment period and then can be adopted by the City Council.

10. 15 Minute Open Session

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Wylie Blanchard approached the Council to find out when the flowers on Main Street will be pulled and was told Friday. Mayor Rowley thanked Wylie for his service and mentioned that a couple of the pots died but most looked great. Wylie said the pots that died on the corner of Center and Main always have trouble because they are exposed to the wind and dry out more quickly than the other hanging pots. Mayor Rowley informed the Council that Wylie would be taking over for Mary Richardson and doing her crossing guard duties for a while.

11. Book Of Complaints, Concerns And Comments

Minutes:

There were no new complaints, concerns or comments made in the book.

12. Mayor And Council Review Of Old Business

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- The Council discussed the upcoming Christmas Party and decided to have it on Dec 7th. Council Member Mecham will look into who to get to cater the meal. The Council liked the game last year and will have an ugly sweater contest again this year.
- Kim Riggle explained that the City workers were going to contribute to a fund to help pay for water bills again this year and invited the Council Members to contribute. The Council discussed how much in unpaid water bills there were and the needs of some of the citizens. Kim and Deb use a variety of methods to decide who is in the most need.
- Mayor Rowley explained that the City is going to pay 2 months of water bills to Alan Spencer in exchange for use of his boat to pull the dock out of the lake.
- The flag was taken down for a little while because of high winds. The new flag is already frayed. The flag is currently at half mast because of the death of Colin Powell. The Council discussed the difference between nylon and canvas and the fact that keeping a flag in good repair is going to be a maintenance issue. Mayor Rowley is planning on about \$6000 per year for flag replacements and suggested that during high winds it should be taken down. It takes about 10 people to fold the flag correctly. The Council discussed the location of the spotlight and when it will be placed. The County is still waiting on parts. Kathy Blanchard asked if the pole needed a beacon. Mayor Rowley explained that the FAA told him not to put a beacon on the pole until instructed to do so. He also explained that the access permit has expired and he is going to have to do a lot of public training because anyone caught trespassing on tribal land can get a big fine.
- Mayor Rowley and Lane Genereaux sat down with Pinders to talk about upgrading the water line below the dam. This area is identified as a potential annexation area in the master plan but is not currently in city limits. Does the City have to provide water? No, but this would help them out and help create a better water line for the City. The sewer line would not have to be run because the 2.5-acre lots can be put on septic systems. Lane pointed out that right now there are supply chain problems in getting the necessary pipe.
- Council Member Mecham asked if Council Member Hamilton was still working on the Sheriff's contract. Council Member Hamilton explained that he has been out of town for the last 10 days and was not able to work on it but he should have something ready by the next City Council meeting.
- The Council discussed the upcoming holiday season schedule and decided to cancel City Council meetings on November 23rd and December 28th. Legally the Council must have a meeting at least once a month.

13. Work Session

Minutes:

There was no work session scheduled.

14. Executive Session

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The Council decided to call an executive session to discuss personnel.

15. Adjournment

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MOTION by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Peatross to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:03 pm and go into an executive session to discuss personnel.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Kim Riggle, Recorder: _____

Rodney Rowley, Mayor: _____

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