

Mayor Lawrence Flitton

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Planning – Tim Petty

Council Members:

TUESDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Building Inspector-Jeff Monroe

Michelle Roberts

Gordon Cutler

6:00 PM

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Jerry Smith

Greg Johnson

MINUTES

Sheriff – Lt. Talbot

Fire Chief – William Pope

Attendees: Mayor Flitton, Gordon Cutler, Greg Johnson, Michelle Roberts, Chief Pope, James Osgood, Lee Wohlgenuth, Marnie Rice, Camille Chapman and Darinda Wardell.

## MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flitton called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Flitton

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Council members are required by law to file a public disclosure statement with the City Recorder listing business interests and investments that could create a conflict of interest with the duties of the Council Member. When a matter in which a Council member has a business or investment interest appears on the Council agenda, the Council member must publicly disclose that interest.

Mayor Flitton asked the Council if they had any conflicts of interest with tonight's agenda; there was none.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:00:10)

- None

3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION OF NEW CONCEPT PLAN AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE REMODEL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:** (00:00:20)

Presenter: Chief Pope

- Mayor Flitton stated that we have had a lot of challenges the past thirty days with the property line dispute with the Bell's. They got a surveyor and lawyer to defend the property line and we do not have the time to dispute; we can defend we don't want to see this go to court.
- Mayor Flitton stated that we need to make a decision on plan B to avoid losing the \$250,000; a decision that would benefit the City.
- Chief Pope stated that we need to change the concept plan because of the dispute, so we can go west, north, south and up.
  - North – we would have to change the elevation of Bell Lane.
  - South – the storm water retention pond and shop are in the way.
  - West – we can't just flip the plans because we do not have access from the east for the bay doors.
  - Up – Too many struggles with the structure and support beams.
- New concept – 24 x 50 cement slab with steel shell that can be accessed from the south and drive through to the north.
- We will put a trench drain on the north that drains the storm water to the grass area.
- On the north side of the existing building we will move one structure beam and install three garage doors for the brush trucks.
- We will build up a second level just north of the existing shop bay 30 x40.
- We will redo the entire outside of existing building and new roof.
- Chief Pope stated that if we approve this new concept plan; he can put out to bid and the Council could award the bids at the next regular Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and break ground on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Chief Pope stated that he had met with Stacey Enterprises (SEI) a week and a half ago to let John Kearn know that we were going to have to go with a plan B. John Kearn stated that they were not making any money on this project; it was just a community project and wanted to do what was best for the Fire Department.
- Greg Johnson wanted to know why we were putting this out to bid again if we had entered into a contract with SEI.
- Chief Pope stated that we had to completely change everything. Chief Pope stated that he is not trying to get rid of SEI; he has to do what is best for the firefighters. He understands that this is a tough decision for the Council.
- Greg Johnson stated that this is a great revamp; and we have two issues:
  - Not interfering with Bell's
  - To do the right thing with the contractor we have entered into a contract with.
- Chief Pope stated that he had no doubt that we could do both. Can the contractor do it for the \$250,000; we know that they can't; the contract was not to exceed \$250,000 and their bid is for \$500,000.
- Mayor Flitton stated that we need to approve these plans.
- Gordon Cutler asked if SEI was willing to void the contract.

- Chief Pope stated that when he talked to John Kearn he said yes.
- Mayor Flitton stated that SEI could bid on the new plans and come back less.
- Chief Pope stated that his advocacy was for what was best for the Fire Department; the most prudent sense for the fire station. All of the contractors will have all the information and this time we will be able to compare apples to apples.
- Lee Wohlgemuth – Chairman of the Friends of the Volunteer Fire Department. Lee met with John Kearn on Tuesday and paid the \$11,700 architect invoice. John Kearn ensured him that if the City was unable to go forward with the existing plans they would back out. He wasn't sure about what the subcontractors would do. Lee stated that we are morally obligated and we can't quantify that.
- Chief Pope replied that he has an email sent from John Kearn on March 4<sup>th</sup> to the subcontractors that the project was on hold. Chief Pope also stated that he plans to meet with John Kearn again tomorrow.
- Michelle Roberts asked what the cons to this new concept are.
- Chief Pope stated that we would be stuck with this plan for the next thirty years because of the layout and where the septic tank is.
- Michelle asked will this suit the Fire Department for the next thirty years.
- Chief Pope replied this plan doesn't work if we need a ladder truck; we would have to modify one of the brush truck garage doors to accommodate.
- Gordon Cutler replied when the property line is resolved we could build out to the east in the future.
- Michelle Roberts asked about the entry point; will there be gates because it is on a blind corner.
- Chief Pope stated if the funds are available; if not for now we will use signage.
- Greg Johnson motioned to approve the new concept plan and scope of work for the remodel of the Fire Station as discussed.
- Gordon Cutler seconded the motion.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

4. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** (00:37:00)

- None

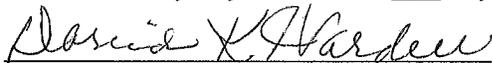
5. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (00:37:05)

Michelle Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Greg Johnson

All in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



DARINDA K. WARDELL, City Recorder