

Mayor Gordon Cutler

Council Members:

Jerry Smith

Michelle Roberts

Kristi Bell

Dave Boothe

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Planning – Robert Guillier

Building Inspector - Jeff Monroe

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Sheriff – Lt. Ryan

Fire Chief – Paul Sullivan

Attendees: Mayor Cutler, Dave Boothe, Michelle Roberts, Jerry Smith, Jolene Sturzenegger, Jeff Holden, Patricia Alatrasta, Rod Layton, Nate Allen, Patti Sawyer, Ricky Hatch, Rebecca Mohr, Sgt. Greenhaugh  
Excused: Kristi Bell

## MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cutler called the meeting to order for Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Cutler.

**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 Cutler asked the Council if they had any conflicts of interest with tonight's agenda; there were none.

- Mayor Cutler excused Council Member Kristi Bell; she is in Washington D.C.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:01:22)

- Mayor Cutler reminded all present to sign in; there was no public comment.

3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022:** (00:02:11)

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- City Council reviewed the City Council Meeting minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Jerry Smith complimented the details of the minutes.
- Jerry Smith motioned to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Michelle Roberts seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there were none.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

4. **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CEMENT BLOCKS FOR SALT SHED FOR PUBLIC WORKS:**

(00:03:04)

Presenter: Jeff Holden

- Jeff Holden expressed that he would first like to give a public service announcement from the Public Works Department, to spread the word to crack your water pipes throughout the City; with the temperatures dropping down to the single digits this week, there have been issues with frozen pipes. Allowing faucets to have a slow drip through the night would help alleviate this issue. This is something that has also been reported on the local news as a suggestion, and Jeff advised that this information has been put out on the City Facebook page.
- Jeff explained to the Council that a few years ago a bid was given to Public Works for a salt shed somewhere in the amount of \$50-70k, and that the Mayor at the time suggested to Jeff to go with cement blocks with some type of overhead covering to protect the salt.
- Jeff advised the Council that Uintah Springs has recently completed a project, leaving them with an overage of cement blocks, that they are offering to sell to the City; Jeff is proposing to the Council that the City purchase these cement blocks from Uintah Springs so that he may be able to create a salt shed now. Jeff advised the Council that the funds to purchase the blocks would be taken out of Class C Road monies.
- Jeff explained to the Council that there will still need to be pricing done to have a covering put over the salt shed, but this will still come in costing a lot less than \$70k.
- Michelle Roberts stated that she feels that this is a great alternative to the \$70k bid, and she motioned to approve the purchase of the cement blocks from the Uintah Springs invoice, as printed (in the amount of \$2735.00).
- Jerry Smith seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there were none.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

5. **CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER PRESENTATION REGARDING ARPA FUNDING, AS PRESENTED TO WACOG:** (00:10:00)

Presenter: Director Rod Layton and/or Patricia Franco

- Rod Layton introduced himself; he is the Director of the CJC – the Children's Justice Center.
- Rod gave the Council a history of the CJC and the role that the CJC plays, specifically in the way the center relates to and helps with the interview processes involving crimes against children; the CJC offers a safe haven for children to

tell their stories, and they do this by having the center in an environment that feels more like a home rather than an office or business-type setting.

- Rod reviewed statistics with the Council of all of the Cities within Weber County. Statistics reviewed were those of caseloads through the years, and growth has become such in the County, that a bigger center is needed. From these stats, and with ARPA funding that is coming into each City, the CJC is here tonight asking for the Council's consideration in donating some of Uintah's ARPA funds to the new CJC. The amount that the CJC is asking of Uintah is \$7500.00.
- Mayor Cutler asked if half could be paid now and half later, as this was a question that had been asked in his WACOG meeting when this was presented in that meeting; Rod advised that he did speak with the County after that meeting, and the County advised that they were willing to work with the cities, and they would prefer the contributions not go more than three years. Rod advised the Council that the County would also do an interlocal agreement for this, stating that the cities that do give ARPA funding for this are shown to have documentation of spending ARPA funding appropriately.
- Mayor Cutler asked when a decision needs to be made on this; Rod advised he will be in touch with Mayor Cutler on a deadline, as well as providing plans for the Council to be able to review if they would like to do so.

**6. PRESENTATION REGARDING APPROVAL VOTING: (00:38:15)**

Presenter: Nate Allen and/or Ammon Gruwell

- Nate Allen introduced himself. Nate is the Executive Director of Utah Approves, a small grass-roots group that is interested in improving Utah's elections process.
- Nate introduced the concept of Approval Voting; Approval Voting allows voters to vote for all of the candidates, and not limiting it to only one, resulting with the candidate with the most votes winning.
- Nate expressed to the Council the reasons why voters may prefer this system is because it is simple, secure, transparent, easily operative, more expressive for voters, less candidate strategy, clearer voter mandates, and higher voter satisfaction; Nate explained each of these reasons in more detail and stated that Approval Voting has been used successfully in Fargo, ND and St. Louis, MO (as well as in a few international elections).
- Nate closed the presentation, stating that the reason he is here tonight, is because there is going to be a bill introduced into the legislative session that will give cities the ability to offer to use Approval Voting as a voting method. If the Council is interested in this, Nate is asking that they write a letter to our Legislators in support of adding Approval Voting. Nate added that it is a yearly opt-in, and if Uintah tried Approval Voting one year and did not like it, it could be opted out of the next year.
- Nate thanked the Council for their time and asked them if they had any questions for him; Jerry Smith asked how it would most change elections, and Nate responded that the biggest change is that voters could vote for more than one candidate.
- Nate and Mayor Cutler noted that Ricky Hatch, the Weber County Clerk Auditor, is present tonight. Mayor Cutler stated that we passed the public comment portion of tonight's meeting, unless Nate wanted Ricky to speak; Nate was welcome to that.
- Ricky Hatch introduced himself and stated as a clerk he is not promoting Approval Voting, but agreed with what Nate presented and stated that if the Council wanted to try Approval Voting as another method of voting, it does "shine brighter" than Rank Choice Voting. Ricky advised the Council that Rank Choice brings with it a host of complexities, where Approval Voting does not. Ricky let the council know that he is available to answer questions for them if they have any.
- Dave Boothe asked if there was a number given yet for this bill, and was advised there has not been one assigned at this time.

**7. C.E.R.T. PRESENTATION: (00:54:54)**

Presenter: Rebecca Mohr

- Rebecca Mohr introduced herself; she is the Emergency Prepared Coordinator for the Uintah 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.
- Rebecca stated she has had recent meetings with local community emergency leaders and with the Ogden City Chief of Police, and she has learned that the best way to help our communities is to help our neighborhoods become self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.
- Rebecca advised the Council that she, along with a committee, have planned a neighborhood preparedness fair for Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at the LDS Church located in Uintah; this is for any and all who are interested in attending, and not only for those of the LDS faith.
- Rebecca presented a flier for the Council regarding this preparedness fair, and reviewed the schedule with them.
- Rebecca spoke about C.E.R.T.; this is the Community Emergency Response Team.
- Rebecca presented the Council with a flier regarding C.E.R.T. training.
- Rebecca stated that in an effort to involve all citizens of Uintah in this education and training opportunity, there will be posters put up, and she would like to include the fliers presented tonight in the next Uintah water billing; she would also like the information posted on the Uintah Facebook page.
- Mayor Cutler advised that we can put the information in the water bill, and Rebecca stated she does have the colored paper to provide to the City to print on.
- Michelle Roberts advised that Council Member Kristi Bell should be the contact for the Uintah Facebook page to post information, but Rebecca would need to contact the moderators of the other Uintah discussion groups to post on those pages if she would like to.

8. **COUNCIL COMMENTS TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (01:08:19)

- There were none.

9. **CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (01:08:30)

**PARKS; BUILDINGS; NUISANCES; EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS; PLANNING COMMISSION – DAVE BOOTHE**

- None

**WATER; GARBAGE; CTC; U-DAY; NEWSLETTER – KRISTI BELL**

- Excused

**ANIMAL CONTROL; WEBER COUNTY TRAILS; EQUIPMENT; ROADS – MICHELLE ROBERTS**

- None

**CEMETERY; SERVICE PROJECTS; RAILROAD RELATIONS – JERRY SMITH**

- None

**STORM WATER & FLOODPLAIN; GRANTS; FIRE DEPARTMENT; WACOG– MAYOR CUTLER**

- None

10. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (01:08:48)

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

Dave Boothe motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Michelle Roberts seconded the motion.

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

APPROVED by City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.



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Jolene Sturzenegger, Uintah City Recorder