



Mayor Gordon Cutler

Council Members:

Jerry Smith
Kristi Bell

Michelle Roberts
Greg Johnson

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, February 5th, 2019

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Planning –

Building Inspector – Jeff Monroe

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Sheriff – Lt. Pledger

Fire Chief – Marc A. Sacco

Attendees: Mayor Cutler, Kristi Bell, Michelle Roberts, Greg Johnson, Jerry Smith, Jeff Holden, Chief Sacco, Lt. Pledger, Chris Willden, Matt Trenery, Bret Bowdich, Daniel Combe, Nick Anderson and Darinda Wallis.

MEETING MINUTES:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Michelle Roberts

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 was none.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:00:57)

- There was no public comment.

3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD JANUARY 15TH, 2019:** (00:01:39)

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Kristi Bell motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes held January 15th, 2019.
- Michelle Roberts seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked for any discussion on the motion; there was none.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

4. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TO COUNCIL:** (00:01:39)

Presenter: Greg Johnson

- Greg Johnson reported on the meeting held January 22nd, 2019. Greg stated that Tim Petty resigned and that was his last meeting. Tim was a great asset to the City and he will be greatly missed. A flyer will be going out with the utility statements announcing the vacancy.
- The Planning Commission voted to amend their rules to allow for two alternates to the Commission. This will help with the busy schedules. They also voted to amend their rules to allow for the new member to be the Chairman.
- They reviewed two site plans. The first was for Nye's Tree and Shrub. Cody Nye is working on adding a building for his business and his plans were not up to date with what he plans to do. The Commission instructed him with what they need to see on his plans.
- Mayor Cutler reported that he had received a citizen concern about the storage of wood chips and the fire risks. We need to be sure to involve the Fire Department with approval of the site plan and make sure that the inspection has been done prior to approving the business license. Greg stated that he would call Cody Nye and visit with him about these concerns.
- The second site review was for Dixon Pitcher. He is building new storage units behind his existing units. The Commission had some concerns about the soil he is building on and had asked him to have a geological study performed. The study was reviewed and the Commission still had concerns. They approved the site plan with conditions.
- Greg stated that he was sorry to see Tim go. What the Planning Commission does for the City makes it easy for the Council.
- Mayor Cutler stated that in review of our ordinance the position on the Planning Commission does not have to be a resident if they have the expertise.
- Greg stated that he was not comfortable with the new member being the Chairman.
- Michelle Roberts stated that although she understands their position she disagrees; they should be a resident. Our City is unique and it is important to our citizens and future citizens to keep it this way.
- Greg replied that the Chairman runs and conducts the meeting and those concerns can be handled by the other four members of the commission.
- Michelle stated that the Chairman is a voting position and could have a tie breaker vote.

5. **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BONNEVILLE CONE COMMUNITIES THAT CARE:** (00:14:05)

Presenter: Kristi Bell

- Kristi Bell reported that it is time to renew our contract. She reported that nothing has changed in the contract and everything is the same with what we currently have.
- Kristi stated that she had sent the Council the information on the CTC rules; goals and procedures for their review and asked the Council if they had any questions.
- It was asked how long the contract was for. Kristi reported that it is the term of one year and is auto renewal for four years. We can terminate with 90 days' notice.
- Mayor Cutler stated that was one of his concerns. He had reservations about committing future Councils.
- Greg Johnson stated that he had questioned that only 10% of the funds are going to the program. Greg stated that Kristi had answered his concerns and he is comfortable with our \$500 donation to the program.
- Mayor Cutler stated that at last month's WACOG they were asking support to send a letter to the Governor asking for \$100,000 for five part time area coordinators. A comment was made that was not a lot of money. Mayor Cutler stated that might not be much for some but \$500 is a lot for our budget.
- Michelle Roberts asked both Kristi and Jerry about their thoughts because they have both participated with CTC and the training.
- Kristi responded that even though the education and training are heavy to the budget she felt like what is learned is good information for the Coalition networking and that she will attend once in a while not every year.
- Jerry stated that the concept is hard to get going. Most of the work is done by volunteers and it is hard to find those volunteers. The issues that they are trying to help need to be addressed and \$500 is not much of an investment. Mark and Chris Stuart are involved for our community and do a wonderful job. Jerry stated that he is in favor of the program and as long as we have good volunteers like them we are getting our money's worth.
- Kristi stated that we have had some of our high school kids get involved as well for our community.
- Greg Johnson motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Development and Management of the Bonneville Cone Communities that care for \$500.
- Kristi Bell seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler stated we have a motion and a second do we have any other discussion.
- All in favor the motion passed.
- Roll call vote: Greg Johnson – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Mayor Cutler – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Jerry Smith – yes.

6. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON THE PURCHASE OF THREE BK RADIOS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: (00:26:10)

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- Mayor Cutler stated that he has had several discussions in person and with emails regarding this and has made himself very clear that he felt like he was being backed into a corner on this and does not like to do business this way.
- He stated that the radios were ordered because they had their backs against the wall due to the fact that the State gave us such a short amount of time to purchase and accept the grant.
- Mayor Cutler stated that he had visited with the Chief and expressed his reluctance with accepting the grant. Chief Sacco then offered to purchase the radios with his own money and give them to the Department. The Mayor stated that if he was uncomfortable with having City equipment on a personal vehicle he would feel the same about personal equipment being used by the City. The Mayor commented that the Chief is to be commended for caring for his department enough to purchase the equipment himself.
- Mayor Cutler reported that Chief Sacco explained that he felt like the Fire Department budget could purchase the radios with their budgeted equipment, supplies and maintenance account.
- Mayor Cutler reported that we did receive a check from the State today for our assistance with the California wild fire last August. After paying payroll and the truck lease we could use some of the remaining funds for the purchase of the radios.
- Greg Johnson asked about what kind of radios they are. Chief Sacco replied that they are basically VHS which allows them to be separate from the structure fire channel.
- Jerry Smith asked for clarification on missing out on the grant. The Mayor stated that we had to have the receipts for the purchase and the 100% matching in kind match back to the State prior February 1st. The radios were ordered prior to the Council approval with the foregone conclusion that the Council would approve; our next meeting was February 5th so we have missed out on the grant.
- Michelle Roberts remarked that at our meeting on the third Tuesday of January she asked for an email clarifying that we could use in kind for the 100% match prior to approving the purchase.
- Chief Sacco stated that he did go against City policy and overstepped and made the purchase to get the

receipt to send to the State prior to getting the City Council approval and acceptance of the grant. He apologized to the Council for his error and asked the Council to approve the purchase with the Fire Departments funds.

- Mayor Cutler remarked that the Chief is a standup guy and explained that both of them have their learning curves. Mayor Cutler stated that there was no malicious intent and that we should be able to take the funds earned from the wildland California fire and not from the tax payers' money to purchase the radios.
- Michelle Roberts stated that the Chief is a standup guy to offer to purchase the equipment on his own. She remarked that some issues have come up in the past that has made her lose trust with the Fire Department and just as she was gaining her trust back this happens. She doesn't want to lose trust and agrees that we have to be open and honest with our communication and transparency. She remarked that it sucks that we lost grant money and hopes that we all do better next time.
- Mayor Cutler stated that we all agree and promise to have better communication.
- Jerry Smith asked what was the \$6000 we are going to use to purchase the radios with earmarked for. Chief Sacco replied that the department has had to allocate \$34,500 to cover the cost of deployments to the California fire and those funds will have to be reimbursed.
- Mayor Cutler explained that the \$6000 has not been allocated yet because we will have to open the budget to adjust for the revenue and expenses for the wild fires we assisted on.
- Kristi Bell had a question to the Mayor because it is his department. She stated that she didn't have a problem with them getting the equipment; she wants them to be able to get what they need. Her problem is with the violation of the guidelines and rules we all have to follow in regards to purchasing. Mayor do you feel like with your conversations with the Chief that lessons have been learned without having any disciplinary actions. Mayor Cutler answered yes; we are still working through some issues and to be honest he was afraid that things were not going to go well but yes lessons have been learned on both sides of the fence.
- Greg Johnson motioned to approve the \$6000 dollar purchase of the three BK radios for the Fire Department,
- Jerry Smith seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler stated we have a motion and a second do we have any other discussion.
- All in favor the motion passed.
- Roll call vote: Jerry Smith – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Mayor Cutler – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Greg Johnson – yes.

7. **COUNCIL COMMENTS TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (00:049:21)

- There was none.

8. **CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (00:49:31)

PARKS; BUILDINGS; NUISANCES; EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS; PC – GREG JOHNSON

- Greg reported that he was going to submit a newsletter article about the park being open to the public but is not public when it is rented. He also is going to add that the parking lot should not be used as overflow parking and that no overnight parking is allowed.

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

- Kristi reported on the question that was asked at our last meeting about the XYPEX coating being temperature sensitive. Yes it is and as we are fast approaching our 120 day time frame we are seeking an extension until it warms up.
- U-Day meetings have commenced and plans are for a great U-Day celebration this year.
- Newsletter articles are due; citizen comments she has received are good they especially like the railroad snippets.

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

- Michelle reported that on Animal Control; all the others Cities agreed with us about decommissioning the chamber.
- Michelle stated that she received an email today from Carrie Rasmussen with UDOT requesting a noise permit. They plan on doing some work on Hwy 89 from the Weber bridge to Harrison Blvd. They will be installing an advanced warning signal sign and crack seal and slurry seal. They plan to start in the spring and plan to be complete by August. Traffic studies show that the best time to perform the work is at night that's why they have requested the noise permit.
- Michelle stated that she will also write an article for the newsletter about this work being done and about the reduced speed on 6600 S.

- Jeff has ordered the new speed limit signs and we are working on where to best place the extras.
- Michelle received a complaint from a concerned citizen regarding vehicles entering Burger King through the right turn exit only. They were concerned about the safety issues. Michelle asked Lt. Pledger for some extra patrol for that area. The issue needs to be addressed with better signage.
- **CEMETERY; SERVICE PROJECTS; RAILROAD RELATIONS – JERRY SMITH**
 - Jerry reported that we have the cemetery ordinance and resolution ready for the Public Hearing on February 19th regarding amending the rules and regulations in the cemetery and adding a permit required for setting a monument.
 - Jeff and Scott have been busy in the cemetery. They do a stellar job and are the very best.
 - The only service project has been done is the one that Jeff and Scott did in repairing the east end welcome to Uintah sign. They did a great job fixing that in time for Ivy Keyes funeral that brought a lot of people to town.
 - Jerry asked the Mayor to report on the meeting that he had to miss last week with the railroad. Mayor Cutler reported that they met with the engineers that are working on installing crossing arms on cemetery road. The Mayor raised his concerns about the cost and issues we have with the plan and was met with resistance. It sounded like to the Mayor that they were not aware that there were residents on that street and that they were looking at the design only and not the whole picture. They plan to start the project in 2020.
 - Jerry stated that Mark Stuart is doing a great job with the railroad snippets for the newsletter and that Mark is good community minded citizen. Jerry asked that we thank Mark the next time we see him.
 - Jerry reported that there will be some bicentennial celebrations with the railroad this May and that we need to reach out to the railroad to involve them in the U-Day celebrations.

STORM WATER & FLOODPLAIN; GRANTS; FIRE DEPARTMENT; WACOGS– MAYOR CUTLER

- Mayor Cutler stated that the Storm Water Coalition reported at the WACOG meeting this past week and it looks like we are going to be charged the same amount as all the other Weber County Cities to be a member of the coalition. He reported that the annual fee will be somewhere between \$2000 to \$2500. We are going to have to do something about that because we are already in the red in that department.
- Another issue that was brought up is that the solid waste transfer station is going to increase eleven cents per ton in February and we can expect another increase coming later in 2019.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: (01:10:39)

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 19th, day of February, 2019.



DARINDA K. WALLIS, City Recorder