



Mayor Gordon Cutler

Council Members:

Jerry Smith

Michelle Roberts

Kristi Bell

Dave Boothe

## UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Planning – Robert Guillier

Building Inspector - Jeff Monroe

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Sheriff – Lt. Butler

Fire Chief – Marc A. Sacco

Attendees: Mayor Cutler, Jerry Smith, Michelle Roberts, Kristi Bell, Dave Boothe, Chief Sacco, Lt. Butler, Brent Stuart, Brett Parke, Robert Guillier and Darinda Wallis.

### MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cutler called the meeting to order for Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and stated that he was going to try to conclude the meeting prior to 8:00 pm so that Darinda Wallis could close the ballot box and deliver the ballots to Weber County.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Kristi Bell  
**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):** (00:01:30)
  - There was no public comment.
3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020:** (00:01:38)  
Presenter: Mayor Cutler
  - Kristi Bell motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes held February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - Dave Boothe seconded the motion.
  - Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
  - All in favor; the motion passed.
4. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TO COUNCIL:** (00:02:09)  
Presenter: Robert Guillier
  - Robert Guillier reported to the Council that the Planning Commission held a work session prior to their regular meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Brent Stuart presented the short- and long-term rental regulations for discussion and they should be finalizing them this next month. Then they will be able to make those suggestions to the Council at that time.
  - Robert stated they approved the minutes from the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with a few adjustments made by Debra Wickizer regarding her presentation on CDB.
  - They approved the conditional use permits that were up for review and scheduled them for a five-year review date. Robert stated that they were trying to stay consistent with five years reviews.
  - Mayor Cutler stated that he had commented to Council member Dave Boothe as to how well the meeting was conducted and he asked Robert to thank his Commissioners for their great work and service to our community.
  - Robert thanked the Council for allowing us to serve and added a special thanks to Brent Stuart and Debra Wickizer for their efforts on their projects. Robert thanked the Council for appointing the extra commissioners; he remarked that it is sure great to have them serve the Planning Commission.
  - Mayor Cutler asked Robert to visit with Debra to make sure she knows that we are not looking for ways the City needs to regulate these new businesses because we know that the State will regulate them. Robert replied that Debra is working on the safety concerns to our community and children.
5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (00:40:07)
  - Mayor Cutler allowed Brent Stuart to make public comments. Brent Stuart stated that in regards to the waterline project by feeding from the west end that takes pressure off the east end and that makes sense.
6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH WEBER CITY AND UINTAH CITY FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE COTTONWOOD DRIVE WATERLINE:** (00:07:50)  
Presenter: Kristi Bell
  - Kristi Bell began with stating that we have already had to update the bids and the projected cost has already increased approximately \$25,000 to both cities so we need to decide sooner than later on this

project.

- Kristi reviewed that the Council agreed and voted earlier to have our engineers develop this contract and she believes that it is still beneficial to the City. Kristi stated that our line is a six-inch line which means we are currently under the State regulation of eight-inch pipe. The project is going to update the line to twelve inches. That is what was determined we would need to supply a tank on that end of town for our future buildout.
- Kristi reported that partnering with South Weber City could save us half the cost as well as Weber Basin has agreed to participate with moving the meter and valves closer to the City; which is a responsible way to save money.
- Mayor Cutler stated that Weber Basin was impressed that our two cities were working together and committed to participate as well.
- Jerry Smith asked if anyone had thought about continuing the project across the river bringing the line into Uintah City. He expressed that he thought we should at least look into this and or at least ask about it.
- Michelle Roberts stated that she was not a fan of this agreement. She understands that it makes financial sense and she understands that we need to improve our infrastructure. It just doesn't feel right; her gut feeling is not to participate with South Weber from what she has experienced in the past. She has tried to get on board with this and hasn't been able to wrap her mind around it. She thanked Kristi for the professional way this project has been presented and in no way is this about that; she just has to follow what her feelings tell her.
- Mayor Cutler stated that there are rumblings about some future developments going in. Kristi has done a great job in planning for that future growth. It has been determined that we will need another water tank on the west end of town. We need to meet the needs for our usage and fire suppression and this project updating to a twelve-inch line will help with future needs.
- Michelle Roberts asked which project has priority; the Bybee tank rebuild or this waterline.
- Kristi explained that the Bybee tank needs to be rebuilt; it services two zones; the east side of Uintah and the cemetery/nursery. The Combe tank services the west end of town and south of 6600 S. The Bybee tank is crumbling and is undersized. We currently need 260,000 additional gallons of storage for existing residents in the Bybee tank. We plan to rebuild a million-gallon tank on the existing property. The Combe tank holds 800,000 gallons and we use 90% for the zones it services. This means that we are currently 190,000 gallons short on storage capability for the city as a whole.
- Kristi explained that we are currently in a three-year study being conducted by the Department of Water Resources which will be completed by 2021 to determine the new standard for storage. The regulations are currently a blanket across the state one size fits all. But, for now, we are short on our water storage requirements.
- Kristi remarked that now is the time that she needs to explain that we should think about a Moratorium until our water tank is rebuilt. She explained that we could get the engineering study and planning done this year which could open up the possibility of building next year. The moratorium might only have to be for a couple of years, possibly less.
- So, to answer Michelle's question; this waterline project was not at the top of our list but was on the list of needed projects. It is undersized and the infrastructure is old; it is a responsible way to save money and does need to be done.
- Kristi explained that she does not have the funding secured; we have applied for CDBG grant funds and they have not awarded the projects yet. She stated that we can and she is applying for funds with the Department of State Drinking Water.
- Michelle reiterated; so, you feel that this \$320,000 in your opinion is best spent on this project at this time. Kristi answered – yes and stated that we are currently collecting impact fees to be used for updating our infrastructure.
- Michelle questioned if we had enough funds at this time to do both projects. Kristi replied that we will have to apply for a loan.
- Mayor Cutler stated that he was impressed with Kristi and all her efforts serving on the State Water Board; the Council all agreed.
- Kristi stated that she relies and counts on the support she gets from Matt Hartvigsen our City Engineer and remarked that all of these projects have been developed closely with engineering staff and public works and they are in agreement.
- Dave Boothe stated that already this project has gone from \$295,000 to now \$320,000. He understands Michelle's concerns but he feels this is the common sense thing to do.
- Kristi Bell stated that she appreciates that she is new to the City and has not lived here as long as Michelle has or maybe she would feel the same way; but she looks at this as an opportunity to save the City money while updating important infrastructure. To do this project by ourselves it would cost over

\$600,000.

- Jerry Smith stated it is an investment for our future.
- Mayor Cutler stated that there are some risks hoping for grant funds but he sure enjoys the robust communications.
- Kristi Bell motioned to approve the Interlocal agreement between South Weber City and Uintah City for replacement of the Cottonwood Drive waterline.
- Jerry Smith seconded the motion.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
- All in favor; Jerry Smith – yes; Mayor Cutler – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Dave Boothe – yes.
- Any opposed; Michelle Roberts – yes.
- The motion passed.

7. **CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (00:40:46)

**PARKS; BUILDINGS; NUISANCES; EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS; PC – DAVE BOOTHE**

- In the interest to adjourn before 8:00 pm Dave Boothe had nothing to report.

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

- Kristi Bell wanted to continue the conversation about the moratorium and thinks we should enact one at least until the water tank is rebuilt; it should not take long but we run a risk if we allow building to continue.
- Mayor Cutler reminded us also that we are continually over at peak water usage times and we might want to do this sooner than later.
- Jerry Smith asked if Kristi could give us a number as to how many more homes we could build before we reached our limit.
- Kristi gave us something to think about; the last time we had a building moratorium was 1996 and was lifted in 2001.
- Kristi reported that the engineering study on the Bybee tank will be starting soon
- Kristi attended the water conference and got some good information from the conference.
- She is working with Weber Basin on the Capital Charge Fee; we just purchased the 20-acre feet of required water and now they are studying our contract to include outdoor usage.
- U-Day planning is underway the first meetings have gone well and she will have the lighting improvements for the U on the next agenda.
- Newsletter articles are due.

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

- In the interest to adjourn before 8:00 pm Michelle Roberts had nothing to report.

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

- In the interest to adjourn before 8:00 pm Jerry Smith had nothing to report.

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

- In the interest to adjourn before 8:00 pm Mayor Cutler had nothing more to report.

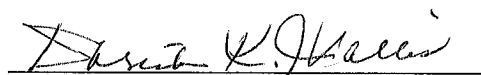
8. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (00:45:57)

Michelle Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Kristi Bell

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

APPROVED by City Council this 17<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2020.



DARINDA K. WALLIS, City Recorder