

Mayor Gordon Cutler

Council Members:

Jerry Smith

Michelle Roberts

Kristi Bell

Dave Boothe

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, September 7th, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Planning – Robert Guillier

Building Inspector - Jeff Monroe

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Sheriff – Lt. Ryan

Fire Chief – Paul Sullivan, WFD

Attendees: Mayor Cutler, Dave Boothe, Kristi Bell, Michelle Roberts, Jerry Smith, Jolene Sturzenegger, Robert Guillier, Jeff Holden, Trevin Roberts, Lt. Ryan

MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cutler called the meeting to order for Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Trevin 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 were none.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:01:16)

- There were none.

3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD AUGUST 17th, 2021:** (00:01:45)

Presenter: Mayor Cutler

- City Council reviewed the City Council Meeting minutes from August 17th, 2021.
- Dave Boothe motioned to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from August 17th, 2021.
- 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.

4. **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW WATER METER FOR COTTONWOOD ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK:** (00:02:31)

Presenter: Kristi Bell

- Kristi Bell advised that she invited Jeff Holden, who is over Public Works, to explain what is happening with this meter and why the new meter is needed.
- Jeff Holden reported that over time, water meters lose reading efficiency and this meter is very old, as the mobile home park has been in Uintah since close to the 1980's; he is estimating that it is currently probably only reading at about 20% efficiency.
- Jeff explained that this meter is a 6" meter, and the cost is estimated to be few thousand dollars.
- Jerry Smith asked how much work replacing the meter will require; Jeff responded that it is a 3-4 man job and should just be a few hours of labor, to no more than one day of labor.
- Kristi Bell commented that there is money in the water budget to change this meter out; \$25,000.00 was budgeted this year, and only \$200.00 has been spent so far.
- Kristi addressed comments regarding metering each residence in the mobile home park, and advised that this had been looked into, and that legally each trailer could not be forced to put a meter on.
- Both Kristi and Jeff explained that if this meter is not replaced, this could result in potential monetary loss to the city, as the mobile home park is the largest consumer of water, month after month in Uintah.
- Kristi Bell motioned to approve the purchase of a new water meter for Cottonwood Estates Mobile Home Park.
- Seconded by Jerry Smith.
- Mayor Cutler asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there were none.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

5. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TO COUNCIL:** (00:17:51)

Presenter: Robert Guillier

- Robert Guillier reported tonight that Jeff Monroe has started meeting with those listed on the Planning Commission's agendas "offline" first. Robert explained that this is being done to help those on the Planning Commission agendas, come to their meeting better prepared, with their boxes checked, rather

than leaving with a long to-do list. Robert expressed that this worked well this month, with the items that were on the Planning Commission's agenda.

- Robert reported that he is still getting several questions regarding why certain people can build while others cannot in this water moratorium, and he always explains that they were pre-existing meters, or meters accounted for prior to the moratorium going into order.
- The discussion regarding changes for Title 9 will be continued to next month when Jeff Monroe can be present again.

6. **COUNCIL COMMENT TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (00:27:11)

- There were none.

7. **CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** (00:27:19)

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Kristi Bell reported that the ARPA grants are being worked on, and so far \$160,000.00 has been secured on the first wave; there is a second wave that is a matching grant that the State can give out to communities as well.
- Kristi attended the Rural Water Conference last week, where she attended many cross-connection program administration classes/courses; Kristi advised she did test on these courses and will let the Council know the outcome of those tests.
- September 21st, the sanitary survey will begin. Kristi will be working with Jeff Holden, the city engineer, and the State and Health departments. They will be looking at the city to make sure that all the standards are being met. Kristi explained that this survey is done every three years, and that this is actually what spurred the Bybee Tank Project (from the last survey that was done). Kristi will provide a future update on the results of this survey.
- Kristi reported that there was a water panel meeting recently. This meeting was to review the Bybee Tank Project and how it has proceeded. At the meeting, the rate analysis was reviewed that was put together by Rural Water, the different options for the tank were reviewed again, and all agreed that they still thought constructing the double tanks was best. In regards to the rate analysis, the committee accepted the need, and understanding of why, a water rate increase might be needed. Jerry Smith asked who was on this committee and Kristi advised it is composed of a diverse representation of people from Uintah – from citizens, to Planning Commission members, to the City Engineer, to Public Works. Jerry Smith asked what timeline the tank(s) are now on; Kristi advised that ideally, sometime between January and March (2022) the project could go out to bid, construction could start early summer, with construction ending early fall (based on funds coming in and constraints on those funds).
- Kristi reported there was a Waste Management grand opening at their facility in West Haven, that she attended. This is the facility where they do their natural gas, as all of their trucks run on natural gas now. Waste Management will be on our next City Council agenda to give a presentation on this.
- Kristi thanked both the Sheriff and Fire Department for their help with the CTC race, and reminded the Council the newsletter articles are due no later than Monday, September 13th.
- Kristi reminded the Council of dignitary night on Wednesday September 8th, for the 9/11 exhibit.

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

- Nothing to report.

CEMETERY; SERVICE PROJECTS; RAILROAD RELATIONS – JERRY SMITH

- Jerry Smith remarked that a few times over the holiday weekend, trains had been stopped at the crossings, and he asked if any of the Council had received any calls regarding this; Council reported they had not.

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

- Mayor Cutler reported he received an email from Mitt Romney's communication's office; they may be present at a future staff meeting.
- Rick Cooper from the Weber Wildland Fire Division may want an article in the newsletter regarding wildland fire mitigation and home assessments. He has four topics he wants to speak to citizens about:

wildland fire risks, home assessments, mitigation, and fire preparedness. Mayor Cutler advised a grant has been submitted by Cooper to do clean up along the river banks in Uintah. Mayor Cutler advised there will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station in Uintah on September 23rd to present these issues/topics, and this will be in the newsletter.

- Mayor Cutler advised that there was a candidate withdrawal; Brandon Hunt withdrew from running for Mayor.
- Jerry Smith asked if Weber Fire was going to do an assessment on areas in Uintah that need to be cleaned up, that are possible fire hazards; Mayor Cutler responded that he believed that part of the grant regarding the river clean up, was from an assessment having been done by the Weber Wildland Fire. Jerry expressed concern over the area behind Jeff Holden's house, and that there is a lot of "dead area" there that could be a big fire hazard; Council suggested showing Cooper this area too.
- Kristi Bell expressed that there is still a need for a person to "chair" next year's U-Day celebration, and that she has not had anyone reach out to her; Jolene Sturzenegger advised Kristi that Nancy Boyce had asked about this and was given Kristi's contact information, as well as a copy of the newsletter that had it listed too.

8. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (00:49:01)

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 21st, day of September, 2021.



Jolene Sturzenegger, City Recorder