

Mayor Gordon Cutler

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Planning – Robert Guillier

Council Members:

TUESDAY, October 15th, 2019

Building Inspector-Jeff Monroe

Jerry Smith

Michelle Roberts

7:00 PM

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Kristi Bell

Dave Boothe

MINUTES

Sheriff – Lt. Pledger

Fire Chief – Marc A. Sacco

Attendees: Jerry Smith, Michelle Roberts, Dave Boothe, Kristi Bell, Chief Sacco, Jeff Holden, Mike Ulrich, Blake Leonelli, Victoria Summers, Mr. & Mrs. Jess Sharkey, Lt. Pledger and Darinda Wallis

Excused: Mayor Cutler

MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Jerry Smith called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chief Sacco

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.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minutes per person):** (00:01:23)

- There were no comments.

3. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD OCTOBER 1ST, 2019:** (00:01:46)

Presenter: Jerry Smith

- Kristi Bell motioned to approve the City Council meeting minutes for October 1st, 2019.
- Dave Boothe seconded the motion.
- Jerry Smith asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.
- All in favor; the motion passed.

4. **TREASURERS REPORT:** (00:02:31)

Presenter: Mike Ulrich

- a. Invoice Register:

The invoice register is a listing of bills that were paid during the month.

The invoice register is reviewed and approved each month per guidelines from the state and our auditors in order to stay in compliance with the laws of the state financial code.

The invoice register for September was reviewed.

Dave Boothe motioned to approve the invoice register for September 1st, 2019 through September 30th, 2019.

Seconded by Michelle Roberts

Jerry Smith asked if there was any discussion on the motion; there was none.

All in favor; Jerry Smith – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Dave Boothe – yes.

The motion passed.

- b. Transaction Register:

The transaction register is a listing of any changes that are made during the month to customer accounts in the ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS, water, storm water, or garbage. The changes are credits given, charges reduced or added or late fees removed. These changes to accounts are reviewed and approved by the council as directed by the state and our auditor to stay in compliance with the laws of the state financial code.

The transaction register for the period of September 1st, 2019 – September 30th, 2019 was reviewed.

Michelle Roberts motioned to approve the Transaction Register for the dates of September 1st, 2019 through September 30th, 2019.

Kristi Bell seconded the motion.

Jerry Smith asked if there was any other discussion on the motion.

There was none. All in favor the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Dave Boothe – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Jerry Smith – yes.

- c. Transaction Reversal Report - Court:

The transaction reversal report is a listing of any changes that are made during the month to customer accounts for the court. The changes are credits given, over charges reduced or added, late fees removed. These changes to accounts are reviewed and approved by the council as directed by the state and our auditor to stay in compliance with the laws of the state financial code. The Transaction Reversal Report for September was blank no action required.

- Budget: Mike Ulrich reported that we are a quarter of the way through the year or 25%. The budget was reviewed with no questions.

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 19-1015-COURT; A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

UINTAH, UTAH; REQUESTING THE RECERTIFICATION OF THE UINTAH-HUNTSVILLE JUSTICE COURT: (00:07:19)

Presenter: Darinda Wallis

- Darinda explained that we have to recertify the Justice Court every four years to be certain that we are operating within the Justice Court Standards.
- In order to recertify, the City must submit:
 - An affidavit submitted by the Justice Court Judge
 - An opinion letter from our City Attorney, and
 - A resolution adopted by the City Council.
- Kristi Bell motioned to approve and adopt Resolution No. 19-1015-Court; A Resolution of the Council of the City of Uintah, Utah; requesting the recertification of the Uintah-Huntsville Justice Court.
- Michelle Roberts seconded the motion.
- Jerry Smith asked if there was any other discussion on the motion.
- There was none. All in favor the motion passed.
- Roll call vote: Dave Boothe – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Jerry Smith – yes.

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL: (00:10:19)

Presenter: Blake Leonelli

- Blake thanked the Council for their time and stated that he was honored to be here to report on the current status of recycling. He stated that he will address what's happening; where we are going and our goals for Uintah City recycling.
- Blake reported that year to date we have recycled 82 tons which is 160,000 pounds of waste that we have kept from the landfills. This amount puts us at 16% of our 20% goal for recycling and our numbers are up from last year.
- Blake explained why we use "Single Stream Recycling". It is easier; everything goes in one cart so we can get increased participation.
- Acceptable Materials:
 - Cardboard and paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
 - Paper (printed, writing paper, mail)
 - Plastic bottles and containers (Clean, Empty and dry)
 - All Metal Bottles and Cans (Steel and Aluminum)
- Common Contaminants...No No No's:
 - No bagged recyclables
 - No plastic bags
 - No plastic wraps & film
 - No garden hoses, rope, leashes, wire and string
 - No dirty diapers
 - No flexible packaging
 - No cups with plastic or wax coating
 - No polystyrene foam & plastic
- Current State of the Market:
 - In 2017, over 25% of world's recyclables were imported by China, including >50% of paper & plastics. Today <2% of mixed paper goes to China with ~70K tpm believed to be landfilled.
 - China's new import policies banning materials & limiting contamination have global impacts on recycling programs in communities across US.
 - Operation Blue Sky = screening effort at China's ports to inspect loads, enforce material bans & 0.5% contamination limit.
 - The reduction of China's markets resulted in oversupply of commodities & depressed commodity pricing. Supply is high & commodity pricing low.
 - Cities are being forced to carefully examine their recycling programs, making difficult decisions about their rates and materials.
 - Consumers still want to recycle and recognize its environmental value, but the economics have evolved.
- Increasing Contamination:
 - The average contamination across the United States is over 28%
 - 28% = 580 pounds of contamination
 - .5% = 10 pounds of contamination in a ton of recyclables (China threshold)
 - More Contamination = Increased Labor Costs
 - Locally the MRF has had to add extra people per shift to meet new contamination reduction levels
 - More Contamination = Less Recycling Materials per Load
 - We must pay to dispose of the trash
- Waste Management's Response to New Mandates:
 - WM continues to move commodities, although at lower prices and to a broad variety of vendors across the globe:
 - Our primary goal is to move material – avoiding landfilling/warehousing
 - Plastic is moving to domestic buyers
 - Paper is moving to domestic mills, and to India, Vietnam, Malaysia, and South Korea
 - Explore, partner and develop recycle technologies
 - Pricing and markets are likely to continue to be extremely volatile in the next few years
 - Quality will impact pricing and movement. Quality, quality, quality is important.

- What has this meant for the City of Uintah?
 - We put forth an educational campaign to reduce contamination and educate customers on the "do's and don'ts" of recycling
 - Facebook Education
 - Recycle Often Recycle Right
 - We are asking our communities to help us in this endeavor, through education sharing and cost sharing.
 - Our message is "When in doubt, throw it out."
- Waste Management will continue to work with customers to improve quality at the curb, and to diversify end markets.
- It's time to get back to the basics of recycling.
 - Recycle empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
 - Keep food and liquid out of recycling.
 - Empty recyclables directly into your cart. No bagged recyclables. Return plastic bags to a local grocer.
- Social Media and Bill Insert Outreach:
 - Waste Management wants to partner with us in education and will provide us with links to their website and programs to help educate our citizens.
- Why Waste Management Continues to be the Right Partner through this?
 - WM is a committed partner, creating shared value and long term solutions for our customers.
 - WM is the only company that has invested in a national, comprehensive, turn-key education program.
 - WM provides security, stability and peace of mind.
 - WM is committed to single-stream recycling; WM Utah received approval to build \$15 Million Dollar Recycling Facility.
- Waste Management Resources:
 - RECYCLE OFTEN
 - RECYCLE RIGHT
- The Council thanked Blake for his presentation and service to our community.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PERMISSION GRANTED FOR UP TO THIRTY (30) DAYS BY THE CITY COUNCIL, ON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE PROPERTY OWNER; JESS SHARKEY; FOR THE TENANTS DWELLING IN THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LOCATED AT 1789 E 6600 S IN UINTAH, UTAH:

(00:31:26)

Presenter: Dave Boothe

- Dave Boothe updated the Council on where we are in regards to this complaint. We received the complaint and issued a thirty day notice on July 30th. Mayor Cutler granted a thirty day extension until September 30th on August 12th. We then received a letter from the landowner, Jess Sharkey on October 7th requesting that the Council grant another thirty day extension.
- Jess Sharkey updated the Council that he has confirmed that a person has offered to help get a vehicle for them so that they have a way to work so that they can save for low income housing. This person has a budget of \$1500 and has scrapped their old vehicle and put those funds towards the budget. Jess stated that this doesn't answer the question of insurance and vehicle plates and if they even have a valid driver's license.
- Jess remarked that his concern is if we grant another extension are we "gaining or losing ground". He would love to see them self-sufficient and would love to help them not hinder them.
- Jess reported that he gave them permission to park their motorhome there for a couple of weeks until they had repairs done and now next month they will have been there for a year and a half.
- The Council concluded that this is a hard thing and understands the property owners attempt to be compassionate but we have to think about safety and the liability to the City. We have rules and regulations that we need to follow.
- Kristi Bell motioned to vote to grant a thirty day extension which is only fifteen days from now until October 31st to allow them more time to make final arrangements to be out of the motorhome.
- Dave Boothe seconded the motion.
- Jerry Smith asked if there was any other discussion on the motion.
- There was none. All in favor the motion passed.
- Roll call vote: Dave Boothe – yes; Kristi Bell – yes; Michelle Roberts – yes; Jerry Smith – yes.
- Jess Sharkey thanked the Council and stated that he will do what he has to do to comply with the ordinance.

8. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: (00:53:45)

Presenter: Jeff Holden

- Roads – Jeff reported that the snowplow is ready to go; he had to buy new batteries for the snowplow. The salt has been ordered and the arrangement with Weber County is the same program as last year.
- Trees – Jeff and Scott have been trimming the trees along the roads and will continue to work on them.
- Cemetery – we will have three burials this week.
- Parks – the sprinklers have been winterized in the parks and cemetery.
- Scott's last day working for the City will be October 31st. We have the job announcement on our website and posted at City Hall. A flyer will go out with the utility statements this week.
- The Council thanked Jeff and Scott for all they do for the City.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: (00:55:50)

Presenter: Chief Sacco

- Chief Sacco asked the Council if they had any questions with his report. There was none, it was short and sweet.
- Chief reported that they had one injury, Donna Sacco was hit in the head with a crowbar and had to have four stitches. During training a ladder was falling; she attempted to catch the ladder; the crowbar was on the ladder and struck her on the forehead causing the laceration. She is on limited duty until the laceration heals.
- Chief also reported that PIO Kris Stuart is backing away now that we don't have wildland services. We have two people who are trying to learn the ropes and Kris would be there for us if we needed her.
- The open burn period will end on October 30th.
- The Department will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 31st.
- Chief Sacco reported that with the restructure of the Department the morale is much better.
- The Council thanked Chief for his report.

10. SHERIFF'S REPORT: (01:00:04)

Presenter: Lt. Pledger

- Lt. Pledger apologized that we did not get the report; his secretary has been out of town.
- Lt. Pledger reported that we had 64 incidents in September and reviewed the incidents that he thought might jump out to us when we get the report to view.
- Lt. Pledger stated that they are continuing to work on the concerns on Combe Road and educating the citizens on the newly added stop signs.
- Lt. Pledger remarked that we continue to have vehicle burglaries. It is a problem that is happening all over the State just because people don't lock their vehicles. The thief's don't have to even break in they just walk along checking for unlocked vehicles and then steal everything they can including garage door openers which leads to home burglaries. We need to remind citizens to lock their vehicles and secure their belongings.
- During fall break Lt. Pledger will have his resource officers; if they don't take vacation, increase traffic enforcement in the City.
- Kristi Bell suggested that Lt. Pledger could submit an article by the 10th of the month to be included in our City Newsletter to help educate our citizens on safety concerns.
- The Council thanked Lt. Pledger for his service to our community.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS TO PUBLIC COMMENTS: (01:10:33)

- There were no public comments to respond to.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS: (01:10:40)

- Jerry Smith asked the Council if they had anything they wanted to report.
- Dave Boothe reported that he has ordered the occupancy sign for the Council Chambers as well as the sign for the Justice Court from Fastsigns.
- Kristi Bell stated that they are still working on installing the SCADA on the Combe Tank.
- Michelle Roberts commented that she will update the Council when they finish with revamping Animal Control.
- Jerry Smith had nothing to report at this time.

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: (01:11:54)

Dave Boothe motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Michelle Roberts

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

APPROVED by City Council this 19th day of November, 2019.



Darinda Wallis, City Recorder