

Tooele City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present:

Ed Hansen

Maresa Manzione

Tony Graf

Dave McCall

Justin Brady

City Employees Present:

Mayor Debbie Winn

Adrian Day, Police Department Chief

Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Holly Potter, Deputy City Recorder

Roger Baker, City Attorney

Jared Stewart, Economic Development Director

Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director

Minutes prepared by Katherin Yei

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Brady.

2. Roll Call

Tony Graf, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Maresa Manzione, Present

Dave McCall, Present

Justin Brady, Present

3. Introduction of Tooele County Youth Court

Ms. Bracken presented the Tooele County Youth Court. It has been in existence for four years. The members introduced themselves to the City Council and the public.

4. Public Comment Period

The public hearing was opened. No one came forward. The public hearing was closed.

5. Public Hearing on Tooele City Adopting the Final Budget for Tooele City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, City Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer presented the final budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. All changes were provided for the Council in the packet since the proposed budget in May. A few major changes include: \$800,000 from the Capital Funds has been put towards the Fire Department. They can not award the bid until they know if they will be funded. The Council can make any further changes to the budget until the approval during the next Council Meeting.

The Council asked the following:
What is the tax increase?

Ms. Wimmer addressed the Council. The tax rate is at a proposed rate of 4.78%. That rate is holding the tax rate from last year.

The public hearing was opened. No one came forward. The public hearing was closed.

Chairman Brady read a letter received from Best Friends Animal Society in regards to animal control.

6. Resolution 2023-69 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving a Water and Sewer Rate Study Addendum C to the Final Consulting Services Agreement with Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer presented a water and sewer rate study addendum C. This is to the final consulting services agreement with Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham in regards to the water, sewer, and garbage rates. These rates have not been looked at since 2003. This amendment helps the City keep funds moving forward and adjust fees as needed.

The City Council asked the following:
Do they typically wait 20 years to update these fees?
Can they set something up to do this every few years?

Ms. Wimmer addressed the Council's questions. This is required before changes can be made. Typically, impact fees are updated every 5 years.

Council Member Graf motioned to approve Resolution 2023-69; A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving a Water and Sewer Rate Study Addendum C to the Final Consulting Services Agreement with Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham. Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen,

“Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

7. Resolution 2023-63 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding for Police Department Equipment

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Chief Day presented application and acceptance of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding. The amount allocated is based on violent crime reports to the FBI. Tooele City will be receiving \$17,400 with zero matching funds. The amount is higher than last year.

Council Member Manzione motioned to approve Resolution 2023-63; A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding for Police Department Equipment. Council Member Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

8. Resolution 2023-64 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Tooele City and Tooele County for 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Chief Day presented an interlocal agreement between Tooele city and Tooele county for 2023 for Byrne Justice assistance grant. They are required to be a partner in order to receive those funds.

Council Member Hansen motioned to approve Resolution 2023-64 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Tooele City and Tooele County for 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds. Council Member Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

9. Resolution 2023-37 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Placing on the November 2023 Tooele City Election Ballot a Proposal to Amend the Tooele City Charter Regarding City Council Term Limits

Presented by Tony Graf, City Council Member

Council Member Graf presented a proposal for term limits for the City Council. It is proposed to have a term limit of 12 years. After waiting an election cycle, they can run again. If approved, voters would decide in November.

Chairman Brady shared points from the discussion held during the work meeting at 5:30pm.

Council Member Hansen motioned to table Resolution 2023-37 until there is more discussion. Council Member Hansen withdrew his motion.

Council Member Manzione motioned to table Resolution 2023-37 until there is more study of the process of the input from the public and a commission is formed, with a time table of the end of the year. Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Graf, “Nay,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

Council Member Hansen abstained from voting.

Mr. Baker addressed the Council. The charter does not address forming a commission, but the state code does provide some guidance.

10. Resolution 2023-57; A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Placing on the November 2023 Tooele City Election Ballot a Proposal to Amend the Tooele City Charter Regarding the City Recorder

Presented by Tony Graf, City Council Member

Council Member Graf presented a proposal to amend the City Charter in regards to re-electing the City Recorder. All City Recorders in the State of Utah do not have to be re-elected. As well as reside in the City they serve. The amendment is to remove those standards.

Chairman Brady shared some points from the discussion during the work meeting at 5:30pm.

Council Member McCall motioned to approve Resolution 2023-57. Council Member Graf seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

11. Resolution 2023-65 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Mountain States Fence to Install Fencing at the City Bulk Secondary Water Station

Presented by Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director

Mr. Grandpre presented a fence for the bulk secondary water station. They would like to award the contract to Mountain States in the amount of \$32,201.

Council Member Graf motioned to approve Resolution 2023-65 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Mountain States Fence to Install Fencing at the City Bulk Secondary Water Station. Council Member Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

12. Ordinance 2023-32 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code Title 6 Regarding Animal Control

Presented by Darwin Cook, Parks & Recreation Director

Mr. Cook presented an amendment to Tooele City Code Title 6 in regards to animal control. Changes include verbiage and house keeping items. As well as the use of the words control and sheltering within the code. There is a change to 6-7-1, “may” versus “shall”. The code predates social media and often times, the animals are returned faster that way.

Mr. Baker addressed the Council. Rather than replacing “shall” with “may”, they suggest to takeout shall and replace it with authority to. It is not in the copy of packet but in the signature packet.

The Council asked the following:
Why is the fee for licensing and tags open-ended?

Mr. Baker addressed the question. All the fees are listed in the fee schedule, allowing maintain and updating easier.

Council Member Manzione motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-32 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code Title 6 Regarding Animal Control. Council Member Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

13. Invoices & Purchase Orders

Ms. Pitt presented the following invoices:

Tooele County Sherriff office for the 4th quarter dispatch fees in the amount of \$80,364.75.

Council Member McCall motioned to approve the invoices & purchase orders. Council Member Manzione seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

14. Minutes

There are no changes to the minutes

Council Member Manzione motioned to approve Minutes. Chairman Brady seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Hansen, “Aye,” Council Member Graf, “Aye,” Council Member Manzione, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” and Chairman Brady, “Aye.” The motion passed.

15. Public Hearing on Tooele City Adopting the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer presented the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024. The proposed tax rate is .002411 which holds the same rate as last year. As discussed, the rate does show the tort liability. The increase is \$24 on a \$400,000 home, roughly \$2 per month. Tort liability allows the rate to be separated showing the bond payment with an end date of 2036.

Council Member Graf, Chairman Brady, Council Member Manzione, and Council Member McCall are in favor of the proposed tax rate.

Council Member Hansen would like to see a lower tax rate.

Ms. Wimmer addressed the Council. No new employees have been added to the budget and the departments have been asked to hold costs at the previous year's numbers.

The public hearing was opened.

Jennifer B and Edmond Smith shared concerns with being able to pay for increased taxes, beliefs the money should come from elsewhere and programs that benefit big box stores.

Taffi Bang asked questions of the term limits.

The public hearing was closed.

The approval of this item will be held at the next City Council meeting, August 16th.

The Council addressed the public's concerns. To be a part of the Council, they are required to be a Tooele City resident and be registered to vote. The Council members each shared how long they have been on City Council. Businesses have not been offered any tax benefits from the City. Though the State does offer them. Commercial property has gone up to 35%. Residential property average has decreased by 5%.

Mayor Winn addressed the public. The taxes that are paid on citizens homes, do not cover the cost of the services received. The more people that come to Tooele, the higher services cost. The only way to bring in more revenue and lower the tax rate is to bring in businesses.

16. Adjourn

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Approved this 16th day of August, 2023

Justin Brady, City Council Chair