

**Tooele City Council
Work Session Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers
90 North Main St., Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present:

Scott Wardle, Chair
Melodi Gochis
Tony Graf
Ed Hansen
Justin Brady

City Employees Present:

Mayor Debbie Winn
Michelle Pitt, Recorder
Roger Baker, City Attorney
Jim Bolser, Community Development Director
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director
Kami Perkins, Human Resource Director
Chief Ron Kirby, Chief of Police
Shannon Wimmer, Assistant Finance Director
Steve Evans, Public Works Director (by phone)

Minutes prepared by Michelle Pitt

1. Open Meeting

Chairman Wardle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Scott Wardle, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present
Tony Graf, Present
Ed Hansen, Present
Justin Brady, Present

3. Mayor's Report

The Mayor updated the Council on these items:

Mayor Winn stated that there was another aftershock last night. She expressed appreciation to public works for checking to make sure there wasn't any damage to any of the City's facilities.

The Mayor indicated the COG (Council of Governments) meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to coordinate efforts and provide updates. Children will not be going back to school this year which is sad for those who won't graduate in the traditional way. The school district is working hard to offer something for the Seniors. The Mayor stated that she has offered the City's support to help make things happen and to provide activities. Tomorrow is the Great American Shake Out. She said that she didn't think that the City needed to participate in it because citizens have experienced the real thing and know what to do. Instead, the City will use this time to review to see what worked and how we can improve. The Mayor feels that the City is prepared.

Yesterday, President Trump talked about mental health services and the hardships that residents are experiencing, such as despair, grief of a loved one, separation, etc. The Mayor is also concerned about those issues. The Human Resource Director is sending out weekly emails with updates and information addressing fear and anxiety. The City has resources through Blomquist Hale available for staff and family members.

The City has ordered KN95 disposal masks and received 1000 today. The City is doing well with equipment. The golf course is now open and had a great day on Friday. They have implemented security and sanitization of supplies for golfers. All golf employees are working except for food service.

The City is keeping employees working, by finding things for some of them to do if their normal job is interrupted. Crossing guards have had work to do, but this will have to be looked at with the announcement of school not finishing the rest of the year. They may need to be let go a month earlier than usual.

The library is closed, but providing services, such as pick up services and social media services. Residents are happy with this service. The Parks Department is providing a fun event with Danny the Digger which gives people things to do. The parks are open, but playgrounds are not. Parks are seeing increased walkers.

Hydro Resources will start drilling the Red Del Papa well soon.

Tooele City recently had work done at the rodeo well. The work was completed several weeks ago. Before putting the water back in to the City's water system, it is tested. The water did not meet state standards and will not be put back in the well. Staff requests that Widdison perform a vigorous disinfection. The cost is \$28,750.00 and will come from the water enterprise fund. This will be brought back before the Council in May for ratification of the contract. The work is only for this well. The Council agreed to have this work done. Paul added that a similar process was done at the Kennecott B well. After Widdison worked on that well, it was put back in use.

4. City Council Members' Reports

Chairman Wardle stated that there may have been a misunderstanding with the Planning Commission on the Ordinance regarding approval of public improvements. He asked the Council about taking the matter back to the Planning Commission to clear up the misunderstanding and then bringing it back to the Council. The Council agreed.

Due to the lack of time, the Council members tabled their reports.

5. Discussion:

- Financial Modeling
Presented by Cody Deeter

Chairman Wardle explained that the Council, in conjunction with the Mayor, employed Cody Deeter to see the possible financial impacts and to do some financial modeling for the City.

Mr. Deeter reviewed the City's revenues, expenses, how the financial crisis might impact revenues, and made suggestions on how to adjust the budget.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Deeter for his presentation and asked some questions about bonds, unemployment, and cost of living increases. Mr. Deeter added that the economy will gradually bounce back, but it may be the end of the year before it's back to normal. It was recommended to revisit this issue 3-6 months from now.

- Project Updates 2019-2020

Mayor Winn handed out information to the Council about City projects, which projects had been completed, and which projects should be completed this fiscal year. She said that the police cars have all been purchased. The cemetery fence is in process. The fire department storage will not be completed this year. The security projects in Finance have been put on hold because the City is looking at putting some glass between the counter and employees in Finance and Community Development to provide protection between employees and the public. The library carpet will be done before the end of the year.

The City is still waiting on dump trucks for water and wastewater that were ordered. Four snow plows were purchased but have not been received yet.

- Electronic Meeting

Electronic online meetings were discussed. The City will continue to stream the meetings live on Facebook, with public comments taken at the time the agenda is published. There are many ways to facilitate electronic meetings, such as Zoom, but only if safeguards are put in place.

6. Close Meeting to Discuss Pending Litigation and Property Acquisition


There was not a closed meeting.

7. **Adjourn**

Chairman Wardle adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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 6th day of May, 2020



Scott Wardle, Tooele City Council Chair