

**Tooele City Council and
Tooele City Redevelopment Agency of Tooele City, Utah
Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers

90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present:

Debbie Winn, Chairwoman

Steve Pruden

Brad Pratt

Dave McCall

Scott Wardle

City Employees Present:

Mayor Patrick Dunlavy

Roger Baker, City Attorney

Jim Bolser, Community Development and Public Works Director

Brian Roth, Parks and Recreation Director

Chief Ron Kirby, Police Department

Michelle Pitt, City Recorder

Rachelle Custer, City Planning and Zoning Administrator

Glenn Caldwell, Finance

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Randy Sant, Economic Development Director

Minutes prepared by Amanda Graf

Chairwoman Winn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wardle

2. Roll Call

Scott Wardle, Present

Brad Pratt, Present

Steve Pruden, Present

Dave McCall, Present

Debbie Winn, Present

3. Public Comment Period

Chairwoman Winn invited comments from the audience.

Jeff Saunders, a candidate for the City Council, approached the Council. As he's been campaigning, many citizens have expressed concerns about drugs, needles, and theft. He is wondering what the Council has done to address these issues.

Chairwoman Winn invited Mayor Dunlavy to discuss the City's efforts in regards to these issues.

Mayor Dunlavy stated that Tooele is growing and along with growth comes an increase in crime. He stated that Tooele has the best trained police department anywhere and they are doing their best to mitigate the problems. There is no perfect solution to crime. He stated that adding more police officers doesn't necessarily decrease crime.

Mayor Dunlavy explained that the police department is always the number one priority at budget time. The department has grown and is staffed adequately. He has never put the importance of the police department second to finances. When the budget is put together the police department's needs have always been a number one priority. Mayor Dunlavy invited Chief Ron Kirby to speak about this issue.

Chief Kirby stated that the officers are extremely busy. They take two to three times more calls for service per officer than any other agency in the County. The most important program is community-oriented policing. They recently received a grant that provides for an additional officer to focus on community policing. The police department is always trying to get more neighborhood watch organizations working in the community. There are too few of these in Tooele; they need more people willing to participate in these kinds of programs. There are two main issues related to crime: actual crime and fear of crime. It is critical for the department to not only reduce crime but to also reduce the fear of crime as that is a quality of life issue.

There has been an increase of needles in the community; that has a lot to do with a program the Utah legislature recently passed—a needle exchange program. In an effort to alleviate health concerns health-conscious individuals are exchanging and/or handing out needles in the community. This has helped reduce Hepatitis and Aids and other diseases, but it has also increased the amount of needles in the community.

There was a big flare up on social media recently about needles in a certain park in the community. Chief Kirby asked the crime analyst to look at all of the calls for needles in that park in the last six months. The crime analyst found that there were zero calls regarding needles in that park. Chief Kirby stated that he doesn't doubt that there were needles in that park; he thinks citizens probably threw the needles away without contacting the department and then complained on social media about the

problem. The police department needs to continually reach out to citizens through their community-oriented policing program.

Chief Kirby stated that the Department works very diligently to reduce crime and the fear of crime. He would be happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss their concerns with him.

Councilman Pruden stated that he's witnessed the Parks and Recreation Department employees scanning the parks in the mornings. He feels that between their department and the police department the City is on top of the situation. He's concerned that a lot of information is spread based on what people hear, not upon what they have witnessed. He hopes people will contact the authorities if there is an incident in the community.

Chief Kirby stated that they are watching the Rio Grande situation very closely. It's a complicated problem and is not solely due to opioids, homelessness, or drugs. He received a call from a member of the Department of Public Safety to see if there is any spillover crime happening from the Rio Grande situation. When they began the Rio Grande Operation the expectation was that the homeless population would get on the Trax trains to head north and south. Instead many of the homeless individuals have been getting into cars and driving away. The underlying problems at Rio Grande are underlying problems in all communities in the State. Chief Kirby has seen an increase in mobility between Tooele City and the Wasatch Front. Tooele City is seeing a spillover in crime from the Wasatch Front.

Councilman Pruden thinks citizens have a responsibility to do their part in crime prevention. He drove around the community recently and was astounded by the number of scooters, bicycles, and other assorted toys out in yards, cars with windows open, homes without porch lights on, etc. So much vandalism and crime could be prevented if people would do their part to protect their valuables. Tooele isn't a town anymore, it's a city. We need to be proactive as a community to help stem the crime.

Chief Kirby stated that most thefts in cars, garages, sheds, and home happen when they are unlocked.

Chairwoman Winn stated that she wished people on social media could hear what Chief Kirby said at the meeting as it addresses many of their concerns.

Chief Kirby stated that the Tooele City Police Department has its own website and its own social media page as well.

Mayor Dunlavy stated that the number one thing the administration wants for people in the community is to feel safe. He meets with Chief Kirby daily to discuss police issues.

Chairwoman Winn agreed that the police department and city is working hard. There will always be issues but the citizens also need to step up to do their part to help solve the problems.

Curtis Beckstrom came forward. He feels that each person serving in public office deserves a compliment. He feels that anyone that is willing to run for office and serve in the community deserves a

pat on the back. In addition, he hasn't been up the canyon to look at the campsites but as a runner he hasn't seen anything on the roads.

Chairwoman Winn invited any other public comments; there were not any. Chairwoman Winn closed the public comment period.

4. Resolution 2017-30 A Resolution of Tooele City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Paul Hansen Associates, L.L.C. for City Engineering Services

Presented by Mayor Patrick Dunlavy

Mr. Hansen has been the city engineer for quite some time. He has done a wonderful job in his work for the City. His contract will be expiring soon. It's a four-year contract and is up for renewal. He has the ability to ask for a 5% increase in his salary yearly; he's never requested a 5% increase. The City hasn't increased his compensation since 2013. The Mayor tried to increase his salary many times but he wouldn't take it. The new contract does have an increase in his salary.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Pruden moved to adopt Resolution 2017-30. Councilman Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

5. Resolution 2017-34 A Resolution of Tooele City Council Approving a Lease-Purchase Agreement with TCF Equipment Finance for the Purchase of a Toro Greenmaster Triflex Hybrid 3320

Presented by Brian Roth

The Parks and Recreation Department has been using mowers for the greens at the golf course that were purchased in 2006-2007. The mowers are starting to have some mechanical issues. They would like to replace one of the mowers at this time. They are requesting a three-year lease program to purchase the mower.

The old models of lawnmowers had hydraulic motors that had a lot of mechanical issues. This new mower has been converted to an electric motor which will make it less susceptible to mechanical failure.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman McCall moved to adopt Resolution 2017-34. Councilman Pruden seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

6. **Resolution 2017-31 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Declaring Surplus Certain Technology-Related Equipment, and Authorizing its Disposal**

Presented by Michelle Pitt

The police department has identified a number of items that are technology-related that they no longer need. The City has a written policy on disposing surplus technology-related equipment. The City tries to make full use of technology-related equipment. When the equipment gets to the point where they can no longer use them they request that they be declared surplus items so they can dispose of them. They try to recycle equipment as much as possible to minimize waste and environmental contamination. They are requesting the Council declare the items surplus so they can get rid of the items.

Chairwoman Winn and Councilman Pruden expressed their appreciation to the staff for doing their best to use the equipment for as long as possible.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Pratt moved to adopt Resolution 2017-31. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

7. **Resolution 2017-35 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Appointing Travis Brady to the Administrative Control Board of the North Tooele City Special Service District**

Presented by Roger Baker

The North Tooele City Special Service District is a government agency that was created by the City Council. The statute allows them to delegate the authority to an administrative control board. This administrative board has managed the North Tooele City Special Service District since 1999. Mr. Brady has expressed interest in filling the vacant position and the other members of the board have consented to his appointment. They are recommending him to the Council for appointment to the board.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Chairwoman Winn stated that she has served on that board for the past four and a half years. She mentioned that the people on that board are very dedicated and truly want to serve their community in

the Overlake area. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Brady for his willingness to be a part of the organization.

Chairwoman Winn moved to adopt Resolution 2017-35. Councilman Wardle seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

8. Ordinance 2017-23 An Ordinance of Tooele City Renumbering Tooele City Code Section 8-3-14 Regarding Recreational Fires to Section 3-1-29

Presented by Roger Baker

The City currently has regulations for what types of fires are allowed at residential properties. Burning of waste is not allowed. Recreational fires are allowed under certain conditions in terms of the width and depth of the fire pit and height of the pile. This ordinance is in the Health Title of the City Code. It's more appropriate to move it under the Fire Title of the Code and put it under the direct authority of the Fire Department.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Wardle moved to adopt Resolution 2017-23. Councilman Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

9. Resolution 2017-29 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Easement for Rocky Mountain Power for an Electric Switch Gear Box at 900 West 894 South

Presented by Paul Hansen

He expressed appreciation to the Council for their support. The Powerpoint that was displayed at the meeting showed the location of a proposed power easement for Rocky Mountain Power. It is just south of the intersection of Timpie Road (900 South) and 900 West. Tooele City owns property where there is a buried water storage tank. There is an existing easement around the perimeter of that lot of 10 feet in width that is already available for easement by the various utility companies.

In an effort to increase the power grid in that part of the City, Rocky Mountain would like to increase the capacity of their switch box and put in a larger structure which would require some additional easement. They are requesting they go from a 10' x 10' easement to a 17.5' x 16' easement. It does not adversely impair the operation or use of the City's property. In exchange for the work Rocky Mountain will re-install the fence around that switch-gear box so that it's not interior to the City's water storage tank for security purposes. It's an above-ground box approximately 4' in height x 6' width x 6' depth.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Pratt moved to adopt Resolution 2017-79. Councilman Pruden seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

10. Vista Linda Subdivision Preliminary Plan

Presented by Jim Bolser

On the east side of the community just north of Skyline Drive there is a section of Droubay Road where it extends north and ends in a dead end. There's a proposal to install a new 17 lot subdivision where Droubay Road ends. This is a preliminary plan; the developers will have to come back for final plat approval. They anticipate that it will happen in two phases, with one phase on each side of Droubay Road. The Planning Commission has had a public hearing and given a unanimous positive recommendation for this subdivision.

Chairwoman Winn asked the Council if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Wardle moved to adopt the Vista Linda Subdivision Preliminary Plan. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

11. Minutes

Councilman Pratt moved to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting dated July 19, 2017. Councilman Pruden seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

12. Invoices

Presented by Michelle Pitt

The quote is from Nidec but the City cannot purchase directly from their company; the payment will go to the Nickerson Company. An invoice for \$27,172.00 for a well replacement motor for well number six was presented.

The Mayor clarified that it would be a back-up motor for the well.

Councilman Pruden moved to approve the invoice. Councilman Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

13. Adjourn to RDA Meeting

Councilman Pruden moved to adjourn to the RDA Meeting. Councilwoman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilwoman Winn, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye." The motion passed.

14. RDA Resolution 2017-06 A Resolution of the Redevelopment Agency of Tooele City, Utah, Approving an Easement for Rocky Mountain Power for a New Distribution Line Near 700 South Street

Presented by Paul Hansen

The power company currently owns an overhead power line that extends north and south between the railroad and the recently completed Tooele Boulevard. As part of the power company's plans to increase power service in that quadrant of the City, they approached the City about installing a new service line from that existing overhead line to the westernmost street (1050 West) on 700 South. The RDA has dedicated the right-of-way for Tooele Boulevard and 700 South, but they didn't dedicate an easement because there was no subdivision at the time. An easement is required to put the utility line in.

One of the conditions the Mayor made for installation of the utility line was that it would be an underground line. The company has agreed to do that, which is a tremendous cost-savings to the City. In the future the proposed easement may also be used for above ground structures such as switch boxes which will service the adjacent RDA property. Because of the benefit to the City, staff and the Administration propose the easement be provided at no cost.

Chairwoman Pratt asked the RDA if they had any questions or comments on this item; there were no concerns.

Councilman Wardle moved to adopt Resolution 2017-06. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilman Pratt, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," and Chairwoman Winn, "Aye." The motion passed.

15. Adjourn

Councilman Pruden moved to adjourn to the RDA Meeting. Councilwoman Winn seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Wardle, "Aye," Councilwoman Winn, "Aye," Councilman Pruden, "Aye," Councilman McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pratt, "Aye." The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 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 September, 2017.

Debra E. Winn, Tooele City Council Chair