

**Tooele City Council  
Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, June 06, 2007  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Tooele City Hall Council Chambers  
90 North Main Street, Tooele Utah

**City Council Members Present:**

Mike Johnson, Chair  
Scott Wardle  
Steve Bevan  
Steve Pruden

**City Employees Present:**

Roger Baker, City Attorney  
Glenn Caldwell, Finance Director  
Cary Campbell, Public Works Director  
Lisa Carpenter, Deputy Recorder/City Council Liaison  
Chief Kirby, Chief of Police  
Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Minutes prepared by Elisa Jenkins

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:03 p.m. Chairman Johnson excused Mayor Dunlavy and Councilman Hansen from the meeting.

Chairman Johnson welcomed Boy Scout Troop 203 to the meeting. The troop is working on their Communications Merit Badge.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a member of Boy Scout Troop 203.

**2. Open Forum for Public Comment**

Chairman Johnson invited anyone from the public who wished to address the Council to come forward.

Mr. Fenton Thompson addressed the council. Mr. Thompson moved to Tooele in August of 2006. He would like to address a road concern on 1000 North. He has noticed that a lot of citizens walk, or ride bikes on this road and there is no sidewalk on either side. He has seen several vehicles come close to hitting pedestrians especially at night. He is not sure where the pedestrians are supposed to walk because the weeds are so high. The traffic is increasing on that road and pedestrians are not safe.

Mr. Thompson does not live in that particular area but he drives on that road and he believes that there is a valid safety concern for citizens walking in the road. He believes that this is a valid concern for the council to address in the future.

Mr. Johnson referred the question to Mr. Paul Hansen, the City Engineer.

Mr. Hansen stated the section of road in question is from 100 E. (other side of Tooele Federal Credit Union) to the LDS Church on 1000 North. That section of road is owned by two property owners. Price Development owns the western half and the eastern half is currently being considered for development by the Matthews. Tooele City does not own the right of way on either property. When the Matthews complete their development a sidewalk will be completed on their property. They have not had any discussion with the Prices'.

Chairman Johnson made two suggestions. 1) The owners are required by city ordinance to keep the weeds cut down. 2) Maybe there is some signage that could be placed on the road for drivers to be aware of pedestrians.

Mr. Hansen stated that those are good suggestions. The weed ordinance should be enforced. Mr. Hansen will get with the Chief of Police and see what options are available to help with the situation. There is nothing in the budget to address this problem.

Councilman Wardle asked about the Matthews development. Mr. Hansen stated that they have been to Planning Commission but the development has not come before City Council.

Councilman Pruden stated that half of the problem will be solved when the Matthews development is complete.

Chairman Johnson explained sidewalks are put in when subdivisions are developed.

Mr. Thompson suggested that maybe a low cost solution could be a stripping down the street where pedestrians could have a walk way.

Mr. Hansen stated that stripping works well during the day, but causes a bigger concern at night because there are no street lights. This is a valid concern and he will check into what can be done.

John Bruns addressed the council. He is a resident and scout leader in Tooele. He has some concerns about the Tooele Wigwam that the scouts lease. Since the new pump house has been built the hillside has had no growth. He would like to know what kind of restoration will be done to the hillside.

Chairman Johnson referred the question to Paul Hansen.

Mr. Hansen stated that they have not re-seeded the area because there is still work to be done in the area. Once the work is complete the Parks Department will re-seed the area.

Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Hansen of a timeline of when the project will be complete.

Mr. Hansen stated that the well house will probably be finished in July, and they hope to re-seed in the fall that is the best time for the seeds to take hold.

Mr. Bruns stated that re-seeding would be a great Eagle Scout Project or a great service project for the scouts. Mr. Hansen stated that is a great idea. Mr. Hansen asked Mr. Bruns to keep in contact with him regarding the re-seeding of the hillside.

Chairman Johnson welcomed Boy Scout Troop 1461 to the meeting. The troop is working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

**Councilman Pruden moved to close the Open Forum.** Councilman Wardle seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." The Open Forum closed at 7:16 p.m.

### **3. Discussion: Budget , PAR Tax, Strategic Planning**

**Budget:** Chairman Johnson stated that the budget will be approved at the next City Council meeting in two weeks. He would like to meet with the Mayor and the Council next week to finalize some items.

Chairman Johnson asked Ms. Carpenter to let the council know when they can meet next Wednesday. The time will be either 5:00 or 7:00 p.m. There will be a budget meeting and a closed meeting to discuss litigation. They would like Mr. Baker to attend their meeting.

Councilman Wardle asked about the by-pass line. Mr. Hansen responded that it is in the 2007 budget.

Mr. Hansen stated that Water Tank No. 5 Booster Station was budgeted for last year. There are some developers that have come in, and the city made a decision to hold off spending city dollars at this time to fund the entire project, and to let the developers help pay the cost for the booster pump and pump line since they directly impact their developments. Mr. Hansen said that he had spoken with the Mayor, and they proposed participating in the cost of the pump station and pipeline to approximately 1/3 of the estimated \$1 million dollar costs. Doing this

will save the city money on this project, and enable the city to do other water projects with the capital.

Chairman Johnson had a timing concern. Mr. Hansen said they are moving forward at this time. The city has been working on this for awhile.

**PAR Tax:** Chairman Johnson stated that Councilman Pruden would like to make a proposal on the PAR Tax. Councilman Pruden stated that the PAR tax is a substantial amount of money. He would recommend giving specific amounts of money to specific areas. The budget by year end of 2008 will be \$1 million. The PAR Tax budget is listed on page 31 of the budget.

His proposal would be to give to the Tooele Art Council \$100,000. Of that \$100,000, the Tooele Arts Festival would receive \$30,000. The remaining \$70,000 would be given to Reane Milne's Committee. Her committee is working on projects for the Art Council, they have had public input.

\$300,000 would be given to the Parks department for City Council approved projects, i.e. a second parking lot at Elton Park, and pavilions at other parks throughout the city.

The rest of the money, about \$665,000 would be saved for capital projects in the future, such as a possible Recreation Center or larger projects of that nature.

Chairman Johnson explained to the public that PAR Tax stands for Parks, Arts and Recreation Tax. The city started collecting this tax about three years ago. The city collects about \$300,000 a year. The city would like to save most of this money to help with a big project in the future.

All the Council members were in favor of Mr. Pruden's proposal.

**Strategic Planning:** Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Hansen where the city is at on the 1000 North project. This project goes from SR36 to SR112. It has been environmentally cleared. Mr. Hansen stated that there is a meeting with the Mayor next week. The project is moving forward. He is hopeful the project will begin by next spring if they can get a consultant on board.

Chairman Johnson wanted to thank Mr. Hansen for all the hard work with Well #12 last week. He also wanted to thank the water department as well. Mr. Hansen has passed that information to the water department.

Chairman Johnson asked Chief Kirby about the animal group that wanted to be on the agenda for tonight.

Chief Kirby reported that they had two issues 1) is to increase the number of pets people are allowed to have in their homes. 2) Door-to-door approach to inform citizens about animal laws.

Chairman Johnson stated that the council is not interested in changing the ordinance of how many pets citizens are allowed to have that ordinance was changed recently. He was under the impression that they were part of a Pet Adoption Group. They will probably be on the agenda in July.

**Councilman Pruden moved to close the discussion.** Councilman Wardle seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”. The discussion closed at 7:42 p.m.

**4. Minutes May 16, 2007, (Work Session), May 16, 2007 City Council**

Councilman Wardle stated on Page 9, Ms. Hamme needs to be changed to Ms. Hammer.

**Councilman Bevan moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2007 with the change as noted.** Councilman Wardle seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

**5. Invoices**

Presented by Glenn Caldwell

Mr. Caldwell presented the following invoices:

- Nickerson Company, Inc. for Well #12 spare motor and pump package in the amount of \$44,322.
- Holme, Roberts and Owen LLP for outside legal counsel in the amount of \$49,780.90.

Chairman Johnson asked Mr. Hansen if it would be better to take care of the well in-house so they would not be at the mercy of Nickerson Company. Mr. Hansen stated not at this time the training is very specialized.

**Councilman Wardle moved to pay the states invoices.** Councilman Bevan seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye.”

**6. Adjourn**

**Councilman Bevan moved to adjourn the meeting.** Councilman Pruden seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye.” The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007

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Chairman Michael Johnson