

**Tooele City Council
Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Tooele City Hall Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele Utah

City Council Members Present:

Steve Pruden, Chair
John Hansen
Mike Johnson
Scott Wardle
Dave McCall

City Employees Present:

Mayor Patrick Dunlavy
Roger Baker, City Attorney
Glen Caldwell, Finance Director
Sharon Dawson, City Recorder
Lisa Carpenter, Deputy Recorder
Cary Campbell, Public Works Director
Rachelle Custer, City Planner
Chief Ron Kirby, Chief of Police
Gary Vario, Fire Chief
Dave Gillette, Assistant Fire Chief
Troy Tate, Assistant Fire Chief

Others Present:

Debbie Winn, Chamber of Commerce
Shawn Milne, Planning Commission

Minutes prepared by Elisa Jenkins

Chairman Pruden called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Johnson.

2. Expression of Thanks by Terry Linares Tooele School District Superintendent

Terry Linares, Superintendent of Tooele School District thanked Chief Vario, Assistant Chief Gillette and Assistant Chief Tate for their help in fighting the fire at Grantsville Elementary on July 13, 2009. She also thanked all those who volunteer for the fire

department. She presented the fire department with a certificate and letter of appreciation. Superintendent Linares also thanked Mayor Dunlavy for his support and leadership and presented him with a letter of appreciation.

Chairman Pruden also thanked the fire department leadership and their team on behalf of the Council for their help in fighting this fire.

Mayor Dunlavy also said “thanks” to the fire department.

Chief Vario thanked the Mayor and the Council for their support.

3. Open Forum for Public Comment

Chairman Pruden invited anyone who would like to address the Council to come forward.

Stephen Springer, 755 W 960 S, Tooele addressed the Council. Mr. Springer asked for an update on the skate park. He also thanked the police department for increasing their patrol at the skate park. He indicated that it seems to be helping especially in the evening hours. He has noticed more parents in the park.

Councilman Johnson stated that administration is in the process of discussing the situation.

Mayor Dunlavy stated that there have been a couple of contacts made in the neighborhood regarding neighborhood policing. They are also looking into technology. The programs that the police department have initiated have been helpful. This is an ongoing situation and they are continuing to look at the situation.

Steven Blue, 820 W 1220 South, Tooele addressed the Council. Mr. Blue is concerned about the weeds in Tooele. Some of the weeds are very high and he is worried about the fire danger. It is also an eyesore to look at. He has been trying to keep some of the weeds cut down. He asked if there is a way to deal with the weeds.

Chairman Pruden stated that the City has been working on keeping the weeds under control on property that the City owns. He explained that there is a Code Enforcement Officer that works for the City that reminds property owners of the codes and laws that pertain to weeds. Chairman Pruden stated that there are some mechanisms in place to try to help weeds from getting out of control.

Mr. Blue noted that there are places that the weeds are cut down and look fine and there are other places that weeds are out of control.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Blue if he has any ideas on how to help this situation the Council would be happy to listen. The problem is big and there is not enough money to hire people to take care of it. If there are church groups that would like to help,

Councilman Johnson suggested calling Cary Campbell and he could help get in touch with Tim Fulmer to see where they could help.

Mayor Dunlavy said they have two full time employees working on cutting down weeds. He said they give notices to approximately 5 -10 property owners a day that have weeds that need to be cut down. There is a process that they have to go through. He also noted that some of the big property owners live out of town and have been hard to contact.

Councilman McCall stated that he might be able to get some people to help cut down weeds and asked Mr. Blue to contact him if he gets some people to help.

Douglas Leavitt, Tooele addressed the Council. He stated that they were doing a service project and needed a tree stump removed and the property owner had talked to the City about it.

Chairman Pruden said that the Council is not aware of the situation and said that is an administrative issue.

Mr. Leavitt had a concern that some of the parks might be overwatered.

Chairman Pruden stated that the Parks department is in charge of watering the parks and he feels like they do a great job.

Mayor Dunlavy said that most of the parks in the City are not on City culinary water they are watered by irrigation water. He said that they do not over water they water exactly what is necessary.

Mr. Leavitt also had some concerns about speeding.

Chairman Pruden said that is the police department's responsibility.

Mr. Leavitt thanked that Council and said that they are doing a good job.

Chairman Pruden closed the open forum at 8:20 p.m.

4. Ordinance 2009-13 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Amending the Time of its Public Meetings

Presented by Sharon Dawson

Ms. Dawson stated that this Ordinance amends the time of the City Council meetings beginning in September through December 2009. The time will be changed to 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Hansen moved to approve Ordinance 2009-13. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

5. Resolution 2009-43 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving Judges and Polling Locations for the Primary Election for 2009

Presented by Sharon Dawson

Ms. Dawson explained that this Resolution shows the polling locations and judges for the primary election for 2009.

Chairman Pruden thanked those who have volunteered to be judges. He appreciates them getting involved.

Councilman Wardle noted that Shirley Beagley was in attendance and she is one of the judges.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2009-43. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

6. Minutes: August 5, 2009 Business Meeting, Closed Meeting

Councilman Wardle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

7. Invoices

Presented by Sharon Dawson

- Great Western Park & Playground for 4 aluminum bleachers in the amount of \$11,796.69.
- Holme Roberts & Owen for June 2009 Tooele Associates trial in the amount of \$75,000.00.
- Kilgore Paving & Maintenance for the balance of the road maintenance contract for the fiscal year 2008-2009 and the services to be performed in fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$360,000.00.

Councilman Johnson noted that 1000 North as been striped and asked when it will be opening?

Mayor Dunlavy stated that they are waiting for approval from UDOT and then they will have a ribbon cutting and open the road.

Councilman McCall asked if the City had all of the right of way permits to SR 112.

Mayor Dunlavy said no. They have letters to allow them to move forward with the project. There are still some negotiations on price.

Councilman Wardle moved to approve the invoices as presented by Sharon Dawson. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

8. Adjourn

Councilman Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in a closed meeting. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved this 2nd day of September 2009

Chairman Pruden