

**Tooele City Council
Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

City Council Members Present:

Steve Pruden
Brad Pratt
Dave McCall
Scott Wardle
Melodi Gochis

City Employees Present:

Mayor Debra E. Winn
Chief Ron Kirby, Police Department Chief
Roger Baker, City Attorney
Glenn Caldwell, Finance Director
Michelle Pitt, City Recorder
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Heidi Peterson, Communities That Care Director
Rick Harrison, Fire Chief
Chris Shubert, 1st Assistant Fire Chief
Jed Colovich, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief

Minutes prepared by Amanda Graf

Chairman Pruden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Baker

2. Roll Call

Scott Wardle, Present
Brad Pratt, Present
Steve Pruden, Present
Dave McCall, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present

3. Communities That Care Second Step Project Recognition

Presented by Heidi Peterson

Ms. Peterson highlighted the Second Step program. This evidence-based program is offered to students in the sixth grade in Tooele County School District. The City partners with the Tooele City Police Department to teach students how to resist drugs and alcohol; this happens during a crucial time in their lives as they prepare to transition to Junior High School. At the end of the year students create a project to highlight what they have learned. A winning project is selected from each school; from those projects, a grand prize winner is selected. The winners from each school are:

- Brett Kenison
- Lorayna Howard
- Maddison Smith
- Ian Johnson
- Luis Cuna
- John Warick
- Slayde Sandoval
- Elise McPhie
- Dezzirae Martinez

The grand prize winner is Slayde Sandoval. Slayde's winning presentation was shown at the meeting.

Mayor Winn recognized Slayde for his wonderful project.

4. Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards

Presented by Mayor Winn, Heidi Peterson, and Chief Ron Kirby

Ms. Peterson recognized Julie Spindler with the school district who helps coordinate the Second Step program. She also recognized Sargent Kalma and Officer Bill Young with the Tooele City Police Department who help implement the program. In addition, she recognized all other school district personnel in attendance at the meeting who assist with the program.

Sargent Tanya Kalma is moving out of state. She was recognized for all she has done for the community. She has been an asset for over five years. She has had valuable insights, skilled and engaging presentations, and has bonded with the students, teachers, and community partners in an invaluable way. Over the years, thousands of sixth grade students have loved having her visit their classrooms and have pledged to live a life free of drugs and alcohol. She will be missed. Ms. Peterson presented Sargent Kalma with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the City.

Mayor Winn welcomed visitors for the Mayor's Youth Awards and introduced Tooele City Police Chief Ron Kirby and thanked him for his collaboration. Ms. Peterson highlighted Communities That Care Programs including Second Step, QPR, and Guiding Good Choices.

Ms. Peterson, Chief Kirby, and the Mayor then presented the Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards to the following students:

- Rorie Nielson
- Brandin Housekeeper
- Dominik Yates
- Brendan Cooper
- Juliana Green
- Elise McPhie
- Dillon Polson

5. Public Comment Period

Chairman Pruden invited comments from the audience; there weren't any. Chairman Pruden closed the public comment period.

6. Resolution 2018-23 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Adopting the Budget Officer's Tentative Budget for Tooele City Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and Establishing the Time and Place of a Public Hearing to Consider its Adoption

Presented by Mayor Debbie Winn

Mayor Winn stated that the City received a generous donation from Chartway Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$50,000 to help repair some of the damage that has happened to several of the ball fields. She expressed her appreciation to Chartway for their generous donation that will help with much-needed repairs at the parks. Mayor Winn stated that the parks look beautiful and expressed her appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department for their work.

Mayor Winn expressed her appreciation to the Staff and Council for all of their work on the budget. It has been a lot of work. As required by state law Mayor Winn presented a balanced budget that includes a request to the Council to increase property taxes to enable the City to be able to address the general fund structural imbalance. As a reminder to the Public, Tooele City has not raised taxes for 36 years. The draft budget will be available in the Recorder's Office for the Community to view until June 20, 2018, when a public hearing will be held on the final proposed budget.

Council Member Wardle expressed his appreciation to Mayor Winn for the transparency that has taken place during the budget process.

Mayor Winn expressed her appreciation to Glenn Caldwell and Shannon Wimmer with the finance department for all of their hard work and expertise they have brought to the budget discussions.

Council Member Pratt expressed his appreciation to all of the Department Heads for all of the work they have put into the budget process. He also thanked Mayor Winn for the transparency that has taken place with the process.

Chairman Pruden asked the Council if they had any other questions, comments, or concerns; there weren't any.

Council Member McCall moved to approve Resolution 2018-23. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pruden, "Aye," Council Member Pratt, "Aye," Council Member Wardle, "Aye," Council Member Gochis, "Aye." The motion passed.

7. Ordinance 2018-06 An Ordinance of Tooele City Repealing Tooele City Code Chapter 1-12 Regarding Public Official Bonds and Oaths

Presented by Roger Baker

This ordinance proposes to repeal a requirement of the City Code that requires the City Council, Mayor, and appointed City employees have a fidelity bond which would protect the City if they committed a crime that resulted in the loss of money. Fidelity bonds have recently been replaced with commercial crime policies that fulfill the function that fidelity bonds used to fulfill. State law allows for insurance in lieu of fidelity bonds. Crime insurance is the standard of the industry today.

Chairman Pruden asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns; there weren't any.

Council Member Wardle moved to approve Ordinance 2018-06. Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pruden, "Aye," Council Member Pratt, "Aye," Council Member Wardle, "Aye," Council Member Gochis, "Aye." The motion passed.

8. Minutes

Chairman Pruden asked the Council if there were any comments or questions about the minutes from the City Council meeting dated April 18, 2018 or the Council Retreat dated April 21; there weren't any.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting dated April 18, 2018 and the Council Retreat dated April 21, 2018. Council Member Gochis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pruden, "Aye," Council Member Pratt, "Aye," Council Member Wardle, "Aye," Council Member Gochis, "Aye." The motion passed.

9. Invoices

Presented by Michelle Pitt

Ms. Pitt presented an invoice in the amount of \$63,288.80 to the Tooele County Auditor for unpaid dispatch fees from fiscal year 2017.

Chairman Pruden asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns; there weren't any.

Council Member Pratt moved to approve the invoice. Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pruden, "Aye," Council Member Pratt, "Aye," Council Member Wardle, "Aye," Council Member Gochis, "Aye." The motion passed.

Chairman Pruden noticed there were some citizens in attendance and asked them if they had any public comments. Council Member Wardle asked if they had to have a specific motion in order to re-open the public comment period. Mr. Baker stated that if the public brings a matter forward to their attention they are allowed to discuss it if it's not on the agenda.

Nicki Mathis came forward; she is the Chair of the Children's Justice Center Friends Board. Laney Riegel also came forward; she is the Vice Chair of the Children's Justice Center Friends Board. There's a new construction project for the Children's Justice Center that is being considered by Tooele County. The project was estimated to cost 1.05 million by an architect. The lowest bid to construct the project was 1.4 million which is 40% higher than the estimated cost to build the new center. Ms. Mathis and Ms. Riegel both believe in the Children's Justice Center and believe it plays a vital role to the community. They are concerned that the new center isn't necessarily needed right now, and that it doesn't make sense to spend that much money on a new building.

The Friends Board met and provided some information to the County Commissioners. Their immediate recommendation is that a new building for the CJC is not pursued at this time. It would be fiscally irresponsible to move forward given the lack of secured funding and nature of change orders increasing costs on initial construction bids in completion of projects. Pushing forward on this project when there are many other county projects that need to be completed may erode public trust and hamper future fundraising efforts of the Friends Board due to perceived excess of spending with questionable direct benefit to the children it's meant to help.

Their short-term recommendation is that the immediate needs of the CJC house are addressed without further delay. CJC director Rachel Cowan expressed that needs of the existing house over the last several years have not been addressed due to anticipation of a new facility. Some of the immediate needs of the building include improved quality through sound-proofing, enhanced lighting, and new recording equipment.

Both the County and the Friends Board desire the best quality service, however, the County has also expressed hesitancy in the past to invest in the current facility because they haven't wanted to spend money on a building that is in need of extensive renovations.

Their long-term recommendation is that they proceed with a major renovation to the existing house, or purchase a new or existing home within Tooele County to address future growth and needs. Both of these options are less expensive than construction of a new facility; they are a more prudent use of the limited funds of taxpayer dollars with which the County has been entrusted.

Laney Riegel asked the Council if they had any questions for them; Chairman Pruden stated that they have met with the County Commissioners and stated that they, along with Mayor Winn, are united in their support of the Friends Board's efforts.

Council Member Wardle stated that the City Council has only heard about this concern briefly. They have heard from both the County Commission and the Friends Board on their varying positions on the matter. He stated that they will meet with the commissioners in two weeks to discuss the issue.

Ms. Mathis stated that she doesn't like having different sides to the issue, but wants everyone to be united in their decision as it is a service that the community needs.

Ms. Mathis shared some data with the Tooele City Council for future reference.

Chairman Pruden expressed his confidence that the matter would be resolved to meet their needs.

10. Adjourn to RDA

Council Member Wardle moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member McCall, "Aye," Chairman Pruden, "Aye," Council Member Pratt, "Aye," Council Member Wardle, "Aye," Council Member Gochis, "Aye." The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 16th day of May, 2018

Steve Pruden, Tooele City Council Chair