Tooele City Council
Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

City Council Members Present:
Brad Pratt
Steve Pruden
Dave McCall
Scott Wardle
Melodi Gochis

City Employees Present:
Mayor Debbie Winn
Jim Bolser, Community Development Director
Chief Ron Kirby, Police Department
Matthew Johnson, Assistant City Attorney
Steve Evans, Public Works Director
Darwin Cook, Parks Department Director
Glenn Caldwell, Finance Director
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Michelle Pitt, City Recorder
Cylee Pressley, Deputy Recorder

City Employees Excused:
Roger Baker, City Attorney

Minutes prepared by Kelly Odermott

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pratt.

2. Roll Call
Steve Pruden, Present
Brad Pratt, Present
Dave McCall, Present
Scott Wardle, Present
Melodi Gochis, Present

Council Member Wardle invited all Council Members to the front of the podium and the wives of Chairman Pruden, Council Member Pratt, and Council Member McCall. Council Member Wardle stated that this is the last meeting with Chairman Pruden, Council Member Pratt, and Council Member McCall as Council Members. Chairman Pruden has served 16 years, Council Member McCall 12 years, and Council Member Pratt eight years with a combined service of 36 years. Council Member Wardle turned time over to each of the Council Members for brief remarks.

Chairman Pruden stated that it has been his privilege to serve the citizens of Tooele City. He thanked his wife and daughter for their patience and many years of not having him home at night. He thanked his fellow Council Members for their support, encouragement, help and friendship. Chairman Pruden stated that he thinks they have accomplished quite a few things. He thanked the staff and Mayor. He welcomed the Council Members elect. He stated that it is a great privilege and honor to be on the Council. He thanked everyone for their support, love, and trust.

Council Member McCall thanked the staff. He stated that he ran for office, under the idea that he loves Tooele, the community, and the people in it. He has been in Tooele since 1993 and fell in love with it. He stated that one thing that stuck with him the most, is that he didn’t sleep for two days when he arrived because it was so quiet in comparison to Norfolk Virginia. Now the City is not as quiet as it was and it is growing. Council Member McCall stated that he is grateful to serve on the Council for the past 12 years and see the things that have been accomplished. To be prepared for the future is something that the Council has been working on and the new Council will be doing the same thing. One of these days, Tooele it will be very busy. Council Member McCall stated that it has been a privilege and he thanked the staff and Mayor. He thanked the Council, his wife and children.

Council Member Pratt thanked his wife. He shared the story of how he became involved with the Council by working with the City four years prior to sitting on the Council. His wife taught him about being involved in the community and to make a difference, to make it better. The example of the being involved encouraged him to run for City Council. Council Member Pratt stated that Council Member Wardle encouraged him to run for City Council. Council Member Pratt told a story about his elementary school teacher questioning him as to why his wife wasn’t running for the election. Council Member Pratt stated that by working on the Council, he has had the great opportunity to work with many great people in the community. There are leaders that the well being of the community is very important to them, it is their entire life. Some of the decisions that the Council has made, some the community like and some they don’t. Council Member Pratt stated that he knows that the heart is here and the decisions that are made are for the betterment of the community. He served with two Mayors and both have set great examples and have been wonderful to work with. The reason they do the job that they do is for a love for the city and a desire to make it better. The Council that he has served with, are the greatest people he has ever served with. He told the public that he loves the community and loves the citizens. The city is growing and will continue to grow. Council Member Pratt spoke to those
who have been elected and stated that there is not a greater calling that they can have. He reminded them that they represent all citizens in the community, not a few, and not just their neighbors, they represent all of them and to keep their interests in mind. If keeping their interests in mind, the Council will make the right decisions. Council Member Pratt stated that he was grateful for the opportunity and he thanked his wife.

Council Member Wardle turned the time over to the Mayor.

Mayor Winn stated that she is Mayor today because the Council asked her to apply for the City Council when there was a year left on someone’s term. She stated she has learned from them and the most important thing she has learned is that they love the people they serve. They do what they do because they love people, they are great leaders, and married to wonderful women who allow them to spend their time for communities and boards they are on. These are very important people that should be recognized by the entire City. She thanked them for their service and stated that appreciated their service.

Council Member Wardle stated that he serves as the Vice-Chair of the Council and knew that this moment would come. He stated that he wished that this night will historical for what will happen here. He stated that the men and families standing behind him show sacrifice. Public servants have to be in a very political process and these men have exemplified what it means to be a leader and a public servant. They act in a manner that is honest, shows integrity, and betters the City. The national discussion talks about legacies and these men have a legacy imprinted on the City. When it comes to arts, recreation, education, safety, employment and the betterment of Tooele. He stated that he is so grateful to have the opportunity to sit beside them and sometimes argue with them to get to the best place possible. They work very hard to protect the citizens of Tooele. On the night of the fire Council Member Wardle stated that they helped to solve problems that they didn’t start. There have been lawsuits, bitterness between communities and they have worked to solve those issues and work together for the future. On behalf of the Council staying, the Council Members have been working with the Mayor and staff to get something other than the usual trophy for the departing members.

Council Member Wardle stated that after traveling to Washington DC and standing in the walls of Congress and at the Lincoln Memorial and at the Cemetery; this nation is built up of cities and people who give. The idea came about to call Congressman Stewart. The Congressman’s staff helped the City fly one flag for each of the Council Members at over the state capital. Those flags were sent to the City and a police officer facilitated the cases for each flag to serve as a memento that each Council Member served their country. Council Member Wardle stated that tonight the country is terribly divided and if the country could see the unity that takes place in cities, the country would stop some of the things taking place currently. Council Member Wardle thanked them for their service and wished them well for the future.

Each Council Member was presented their flag.

3. **Public Comment Period**
Chairman Pruden invited comments from the public, there were none.

Chairman Pruden closed the public comment period.

4. **Independent Audit Report.**
   Presented by Glenn Caldwell

   Mr. Caldwell stated that WSRP, the CPA firm just concluded the fiscal year 2019 audit. He thanked the team and they were fantastic to work with. He thanked Shannon Wimmer for the work in coordinating the audit. Mr. Caldwell turned the time over to Mr. Randy Jensen for the review of the audit.

   Mr. Jensen thanked the Council for their leadership and having honest leaders to set the tone for the City. He read through the financial statements as stated in audit report. The CPA firm has concluded that the City is in good standing financially and doing better than in years past. The auditors gave an unqualified opinion or clean audit report. The only issues found in the audit report are at the very end of the report for three journal entries that had to be made for accounts receivable taxes, retirement accounts and the lawsuit payment of the sod farm. The items are housekeeping items, but material to the accounts and are an audit entry.

   Chairman Pruden asked the Council if there were any questions or comments.

   Chairman Pruden stated that the fiscal year of the City is July 1 to June 30, which is why the 2019 audit is completed for the year.

5. **Resolution 2019-84 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Reappointing Matt Robinson to the Planning Commission.**
   Presented by Matt Johnson

   Mr. Johnson stated that the Resolution is to reappoint Matt Robinson to the Planning Commission for another four-year term. Three of the seven Planning Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. Mr. Robinson was appointed in 2010 and this would reappoint to start in 2020 and end in 2023.

   Chairman Pruden asked the Council if there were questions.

   Chairman Pruden thanked Mr. Robinson for his service.

6. **Resolution 2019-85 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Acknowledging the Mayor’s Reappointments of Melanie Hammer and Ray Smart to the Planning Commission.**
   
   Presented by Mayor Debbie Winn

   Mayor Winn stated that these are reappointments to the Planning Commission. Ms. Melanie Hammer, who was originally appointed in January 2010 and she would love to continue serving. The second is Mr. Ray Smart and he served for four years previously, took a year off, and was reappointed January 2019, as an alternate. This reappointment will be a fulltime position and that term will begin in January 2020 for four years.

   Chairman Pruden asked if there were any questions or comments from Council, there were none.

   **Council Member Pratt motioned to approve the Ordinance 2019-85.** Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Pratt, “Aye,” Council Member McCall, “Aye,” Council Member Wardle, “Aye,” Council Member Gochis, “Aye,” Chairman Pruden, “Aye.” The motion passed.

   
   Presented by Michelle Pitt

   Ms. Pitt stated that a list has been provided to the Council of IT equipment that is either outdated, broken and the Council is being asked to declare it surplus so it can be disposed of. The City staff will use as much as they can for City parts, and recycle others. There is a policy in place that requires these steps in order to dispose of the items.

   Chairman Pruden thanked the IT staff for using items for parts.

   Ms. Pitt reminded the staff that part of the list is from the Library and part from City Hall.


8. **Resolution of 2019-88 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Accepting the Completed Public Improvements Associated with the Linda Vista Subdivision.**
   
   Presented by Paul Hansen

   Mr. Hansen stated that Tooele City Code requires that once a developer completes public improvements, roadway, water, storm drain, sidewalks, street lights, etc.; that staff bring to Council a resolution certifying the improvements have been completed. This is the case tonight
with Linda Vista. It is located at the top of Skyline Drive just to the north about a block from Skyline. These improvements were actually completed earlier in 2019. As a result, the resolution establishes the beginning one year warranty retroactive to March 4, 2019.


9. **Resolution 2019-87 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving a Change Order to an Agreement with the Tennis and Track Company to Install Additional Pickleball Courts at Elton Park.**

Presented by Darwin Cook

Mr. Cook stated that there was a previous resolution with Tennis and Track Company to install six pickleball courts at Elton Park over the old tennis courts. This is a change order to have them complete the project and install six more pickleball courts over the other two older courts. The resolution is for the amount of $127,000. The estimate will be to replace the old courts with the new courts for the exact same amount as they did before, although because it is a different area, there will be a couple of residuals for the price increase.

Chairman Pruden stated that these courts are a great asset. He also stated that he is appreciative of the school district for keeping their tennis courts open for use so the City can have pickleball courts.


10. **Resolution 2019-89 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule for Pratt Aquatics Center Swim Lesson Fees.**

Presented by Darwin Cook

Mr. Cook stated that the new aquatic director did research in same market area, and found that in most cases the average swim lesson was $31. The City currently has two fees, a summer fee of $30 and a winter fee of $25. The proposal is to have one $30 resident fee for the entire year and a non-resident fee of $40 for swim lessons.

Chairman Pruden asked the Council if there were any questions or comments.

**Council Member Pratt motioned to approve Resolution 2019-89.** Council Member McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Council Member Pratt, “Aye,” Council Member

11. Resolution 2019-91 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving a Contract with Musco Sport Lighting, LLC, for the Installation of Court Lighting at the Pickleball Courts at Elton Park
Presented by Darwin Cook

Mr. Cook stated that this is a PAR tax item. The community loves the courts, but they can only play until it gets dark. The proposal is for a contract with Musco Lighting for pickleball lighting that will light the full 12 courts. The price is for $131,565 and will be completed for the parks opening on April 15.


Mr. Cook announced the Cody Lopez at the golf course has completed his certification with the PGA to be a Certified PGA Golf Pro.

Presented by Steve Evans

Mr. Evans stated that this is for well 16 and not 14. This last year there were some issues with the well and it required the well to be pulled and video taken to determine the issues. This contract will be to rush and bale the well, as well as sonar jetting to clean up the well. There will be another camera installed to determine if the issue was fixed.


Presented by Jim Bolser


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Chairman Pruden asked if the Council if there were any comments or questions, there were none.


15. Approval of Invoices

Presented by Michelle Pitt

An invoice in the amount of $29,520.38, Ken Garff West Valley Ford, for a 2019 van to be assigned to administration.

Chairman Pruden stated that for 16 years he has tried to get an administration vehicle for staff that routinely uses personal vehicles for City business.


Ms. Pitt thanked the Council Members leaving for their support and service over the years.

16. Adjourn


The meeting adjourned at 7:59 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 8th day of January, 2020

, Tooele City Council Chair