

Daniel Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Wasatch County Services Building, Conference B
55 South 500 East, Heber City, UT

Meeting Minutes

Quorum Present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Council members Jon Blotter, Robyn Pearson, and Barry Dixon. Also present were Amelia Pays of T-O Engineers, Planner Eric Bunker, and Clerk/Recorder Kim Crittenden to take minutes. Merry Duggin was excused.

Members of the Public: Nacia Franco, Darrel Scow, Pam Skinner and Jeremy Hales

Mayor Kohler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1) Public Comment: (please limit to 2 minutes per person)

No Comment

2) Jeremy Hales from Wasatch County to Address Spring Flooding Preparations

Mr. Hales presented the Wasatch County Plan for preparing for possible flooding in the spring, from the excessive snowfall this winter. He handed out a flyer detailing the County Plans, including details about a sandbag station that is available to all citizens, at no cost to them, to come and fill sandbags in preparation for spring flooding. He stated that currently, the County is not asking for compensation from the Town, but that there may be some costs in the future.

He encouraged the public to prepare and clear out debris from creeks and other potential flood zones. He also discussed how the changing temperatures might create "sheet flooding" where rain runs down over snow and creates flooding prior to the snow-melt. He stated that currently, the County is at 154% of normal for snowfall and that it is on track for the flooding that last happened in 1984.

It was asked about National Flood Insurance, he stated that flooding would be covered in basements, but only unfinished basements, and encouraged homeowners to check their individual insurance policies.

3) Business Licenses Recommended for Approval by the Planning Commission:

a. Renew:

i. Daniel's Academy

There was a brief discussion about previous concerns and Council Member Dixon addressed them with his report on his personal visit to the Academy. It was also noted that Commissioner Bennett, who is a neighbor to the establishment, was in favor of the renewal.

Council Member Blotter made a motion to approve the renewal. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was Blotter yes, Kohler yes, Pearson yes and Dixon yes. The motion passed.

4) Storm Haven System Upgrade Discussion

Mayor Kohler asked the representatives from the Okleberry to discuss what they would like to discuss. Representative Darrel Skow preceded to discuss his understanding of the agreement between the Town of Daniel and the Okleberry's in regards to a water tank that was built on Okleberry land but now belongs to the Town of Daniel.

Mr. Skow asked that the Town allow watering for sheep from the tank and was researching possibilities of developing other land adjacent to the tank. He stated that there would be in excess of 13,000 sheep that would need water from the tank. Ms. Franco then proceeded to give a presentation about the history of the West Daniel Company and the Daniel Domestic Company Water Company from around 1960. She referred to decades-old legal documents which were included in the packets.

5) Storm Haven Moratorium on Water Hook-ups

Ryan Taylor and Amelia Pays from Ardurra addressed the Council. Mr. Taylor gave a synopsis of the Storm Haven Water System. He discussed the challenges of maintaining the water system during a power outage and more concerning fire flow. He stated that the current system needs to be upgraded. Mr. Taylor discussed options and referred to options that were in the table provided to the Council Member. He stated that the plan could be done in phases and would opt for that. Discussions about connecting the Town's two water systems were discussed. He was asked about the cost to get fire hydrants to the area was discussed and it would be at least \$1,000,000. He stated that right now grant money was scarce, but loans were a possibility.

Council Member Pearson asked what redundancy plans the Town had if the pump failed. Mr. Taylor stated that luckily the pump was small and readily available off the shelf. Discussion about block grants and other funding was discussed.

Council Member Blotter made a motion to approve a moratorium on hook-ups to the Storm Haven Water System congruent with the moratorium of 2017. Council Member Dixon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was Blotter yes, Kohler yes, Pearson yes and Dixon yes. The motion passed

6) Daniel Auxiliary Heating Discussion

Planner Bunker reported on the failure of the heating system in the Daniel Water System Tank Building. Options discussed included solar, propane, or a generator. It was noted that the failure of the internal heaters caused Planner Bunker to purchase a couple of small heaters but noted that if the power went out that those heaters would be ineffective. Planner Bunker will get back to the Council with replacement costs and the cost for a generator as a back-up.

7) Council Reports/Updates

Council Member Pearson reported that he was working on meeting with residents from Storm Haven with the help of Lisa Dinga, but due to health issues these were on hold.

Council Member Dixon reported on meetings he had attended on emergency preparedness and then offered to help with computer procurement.

Mayor Kohler reported on efforts to remove snow from around fire hydrants.

8) Engineer Reports/Updates

No additional report

9) Planner Report

Planner Bunker presented his report. The Council directed Planner Bunker to extend the Steiner permit for an additional year due to good cause and waive any additional fees.

Planner Bunker handed out information about closed meetings.

10) Daniel Municipal Water

Planner Bunker stated that there was a new "Lead and Copper Rule" and that the Town would be responsible to report on this, but not fixing the lines. However, the Town may have to act on homeowners who do not fix any problems.

11) Storm Haven Water

No additional report

12) Recorder's Office: Warrants approval, Announcements, etc.

Council Member Blotter made a motion to approve the Warrants. Council Member Dixon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was Blotter yes, Kohler yes, Pearson yes and Dixon yes. The motion passed.

13) Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2023

Council Member Blotter made a motion to continue the minutes. Council Member Pearson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was Blotter yes, Kohler yes, Pearson yes and Dixon yes. The motion passed.

14) Possible closed session as permitted by UCA 52-4-205

No session

15) Adjourn

Council Member Blotter made a motion to adjourn Council Member Dixon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was Blotter yes, Kohler yes, Pearson yes and Dixon yes. The motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm

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Clerk/Recorder