

**Daniel Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM**  
**Wasatch County Services Building, Conference B**  
**55 South 500 East, Heber City, UT**

**Meeting Agenda**

Quorum Present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Council Members, Robyn Pearson, Barry Dixon, and Merry Duggin. Council Member Blotter was not present. Also present were, Planner Eric Bunker, and Clerk/Recorder Kim Crittenden to take minutes.

Members of the Public: Lisa Dinga, Gina Williams, Gary Weight, Margaret Hyatt and Pam Skinner

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

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

Margaret Hyatt from Midway asked questions about the possible annexation plans that are in the Town of Daniel Land Use Plan, specifically regarding industrial zoning. The questions were directed to Planning Director Eric Bunker who stated that the Plan was a 20-year plan that offered possibilities for annexation, but that individual property owners would likely have to apply for any annexation from Wasatch County and that all information about the Industrial Zone could be found in section 2 of the Daniel Town Code.

**2) Wasatch Fire District Prop 9 Tax Increase for EMS Discussion/Presentation-Eric Hales**

Chief Hales and Assistant Chief Claire Probst presented a PowerPoint on Proposition 9 which will be considered on the November 21, 2023 Election Ballots. The presentation offered many statistics that supported a .5% increase in sales tax to support EMS efforts in Wasatch County. It was noted that no unprepared foods, medicine, nor fuel would be included in this tax. It was noted that many of the calls to EMS and/or the Fire Department are from non-residents of Wasatch County and it is the hope that this tax will help cover costs incurred by Wasatch County by tourists or non-residents in the form of fast food and other convenience items. They stated that the hope is that this tax could be better contributed by tourists and non-residents rather than further increasing the property taxes of residents of Wasatch County. The Chief and Assistant Chief stated that all budget information as well as information about Proposition 9 could be found on the Wasatch County Fire District Website.

Council Member Duggin stated that as a resident and private citizen she supported Proposition 9 and encouraged anyone with questions to look at the Wasatch County Fire District Website or to call either of the presenters for more information.

**3) Agricultural Protection Area Discussion and Set Possible Public Hearing- Gary Weight.**

Commission Chair Weight discussed the handout of his initial research about how to construct an Agricultural Protection Zone in some areas in the Town of Daniel. He noted that while the

Planning Commission seemed to be in general agreement that this might be a good thing for the Town, additional research, particularly in regards to Wasatch County needed to be done and vetted for applicability to the Town. Planner Bunker noted that the Town Code had some protections for active farms. However, it was further noted that UDOT had distributed a map (as presented) that could ultimately create a bypass from HWY 189 to HWY 40 at the top of Big Hollow Drive and could drive traffic on a new road above 3000 South. This caused great concern since many large farms could be affected. It was stated that the establishment of an Agricultural Protection Area would make it much more difficult for State and/or Federal agencies to override the will of the Town. It was agreed that this issue needed further consideration from both the Planning Commission and the Town Council.

#### **4) Discussion and Set Possible Public Hearing for Updates to the Town Code as recommended by the Planning Commission**

*Council Member Duggin moved to schedule a public hearing to discuss the Planning Commission's recommended changes to the Town of Daniel Town Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dixon. A roll call vote of Pearson yes, Duggin yes, Kohler yes, and, Dixon yes. The motion passed*

#### **5) Storm Haven Water System Improvement and Grant Funding Discussion**

It was noted that the meeting that had been scheduled had been moved to October 13, 2023 and further reporting would happen in the next meeting.

#### **6) Water Rate and Impact/Hook-up Fees Discussion**

Planner Bunker stated that he was working on adapting the recommended Utah Water Conservation for Town of Daniel Municipal Water and Storm Haven Water Systems to meet the needs of the Town as well as meeting grant requirements.

#### **7) Council Reports/Updates**

Council Member Pearson discussed his concerns about potholes throughout the Town.

It was noted that the deadline for cutting through any paved road was going to be October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kohler noted that the RV outside of the Trailer Court on Daniel Road and 3000 South had finally been removed.

Council Member Duggin once again reiterated her support of Proposition 9.

#### **8) Engineer Reports/Updates**

No report or updates presented.

#### **9) Planner Report/Updates**

Planner Bunker presented his attached report.

## **10) Daniel Municipal Water and Storm Haven Water Systems Report/Updates**

It was noted that there was a large leak on Tammy Lane that required some emergency repair/maintenance. Planner Bunker also discussed needing to replace the heating system for the pump house.

## **11) Recorder's Office: Warrants approval, Announcements, etc.**

***Council Member Dixon moved to approve the Town of Daniel September Warrants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dixon. A roll call vote of Pearson yes, Duggin yes, Kohler yes, and, Dixon yes. The motion passed***

## **12) Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023 Town Council Meetings**

***Council Member Pearson moved to approve the Town of Daniel September 11, 2023 Minutes with Changes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dixon. A roll call vote of Pearson yes, Duggin yes, Kohler yes, and, Dixon yes. The motion passed.***

## **13) Possible closed session as permitted by UCA 52-4-205**

No closed session

## **14) Adjourn**

***Council Member Pearson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dixon. A roll call vote of Pearson yes, Duggin yes, Kohler yes, and, Dixon yes. The motion passed.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Kim Crittenden  
Clerk/Recorder