

Daniel Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday March 3, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Wasatch County Services Complex

55 S 500 E, Conference Room B

Heber City, UT 84032

Council Quorum present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Council members Gary Walton, Eric Bennett and Robyn Pearson. Council member Jon Blotter was absent.

Town officers present: Sherri Price, Treasurer and Planner Eric Bunker. Clerk Recorder Kim Crittenden was not present.

Members of the public: Gary Weight, Pam Skinner, David Halleck, Melanie North, Megan Phillips, Megan Goodrich

BOA secretary Merry Duggin was asked to record the minutes.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Halleck, resident of Heber City with concern about the routing of the new bypass in Heber City which he believes will cause great impact to his home. He would like UDOT to move the bypass further south and thinks that Daniel might be interested in helping to influence UDOT with that decision. The route he proposed is not currently one of the UDOT's proposed options.

2) POSSIBLE ACTION FOR CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FROM GENEVA ROCK FOR PARCEL #09-6276

This item was continued from the January 6, 2025 Town Council meeting. The information that has been requested from Geneva Rock has not been submitted to the town. **Council member Eric Bennett moved to continue this item to the April 7, 2025 agenda. The motion seconded by Council member Robyn Pearson passed with the following vote: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.**

3) DEPUTY CLERK/RECORDER INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Kohler introduced applicant Megan Goodrich. Ms. Goodrich is a resident of the Crazy Acres area for the last 10 years. She is a USU graduate with a degree in Family and Human Development. Mayor Kohler thanked her for coming to the meeting to familiarize herself with the Council.

Council member Robyn Pearson moved to extend an invitation for employment to Ms. Goodrich. Council member Eric Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

4) BOARD OF APPEALS INTERVIEWS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kohler announced that Stefanie Grady has submitted a letter of interest to serve in the vacancy on the BOA. He recommended her appointment as she has served as a Daniel Town Council member and is very active in the community and very qualified for the position.

Council member Pearson moved to approve Stefanie Grady as a Board of Appeals member and Council member Gary Walton seconded the motion. It passed with the following vote: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

5) DISCUSSION OF ENGAGING A CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWN

Mayor Kohler described a meeting between several officers of the Town and our former town engineer Ryan Taylor. Mr. Taylor has gone into business for himself, and Mayor Kohler believes that he could be a great resource for the Town. Planner Eric Bunker suggested that as the designer and overseer of the construction of the new Daniel Municipal Water system that Mr. Taylor could work with our current engineering firm Jones & DeMille which would possibly result in cost savings for Daniel. Council member Pearson liked the concept but was concerned that the Town should advertise for the position and appoint the best candidate. Council member Walton would like to see what the contract would look like, but he did not believe that hiring a former employee of the Town would be a problem. There seemed to be unanimous support for the concept of hiring a consultant, and the Town will advertise for the position.

6) RESOLUTION 2025-03-03A ADOPTION OF APWA STANDARDS

Planner Bunker explained that our engineering firm has asked the Town to adopt the latest American Public Works Association's standards to allow them to use these guidelines when reviewing work for the Town. These standards are used by other municipalities that Jones and DeMille works with.

Council member Walton moved to adopt the APWA standards. The motion seconded by Council member Bennett passed: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

7) RESOLUTION 2025-03-03B ENGINEERING FEES

Planner Bunker explained that engineering firms change their fees from time to time, and Jones & DeMille have instituted minimal increases in their fees for 2025. Mayor Kohler commented that the new fees are in line with other engineering firms that he personally works with in his construction business.

Council member Walton moved to adopt the Jones & DeMille Engineering fees hourly rates dated January 1, 2025. The motion seconded by Council member Pearson was passed with the following vote: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, no; Pearson, yes.

8) COUNCIL REPORTS

Council member Bennett reported that he has not heard anything from the MAG Disaster Mitigation Group to this date. There were no other reports.

9) PLANNER REPORT/UPDATES

There was no planner report in the Council packet, but Planner Bunker reported that Daniel has been awarded (along with Kamas and Charleston) a \$150,000 grant to work together with MAG to bring our General Plan up to the state's current standards. Each municipality will contribute \$5,000 (\$15,000 total), and the grant of \$135,000 will provide \$150,000 of consultant fees to work with the municipalities. Our Planning Commission will be involved.

He also reported that CMC would like to be on the Council's April agenda to respond to questions regarding its concrete batch plant.

10) BUSINESS LICENSES

Renewal- Tender Touch Massage—There have been no complaints involving this business.

Council member Pearson moved to approve the renewal, and Council member Bennett made the second. The license is approved : Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

11) STORM HAVEN AND DANIEL WATER SYSTEM REPORT/UPDATE

Planner Bunker reported that the Consumer Confidence Reports for both systems is now posted on the Town website. Water testing continues to be more extensive and expensive. We will soon be testing for PFAs; lead piping in our residents' homes still has to be identified. Lead and Copper testing is now every 6 months. We currently have 32 water meters that are not reading properly, but Meter Maintenance will replace them as the meters are available to them. We are at the end of the current meters' warranty.

12) RECORDER'S OFFICE; WARRANTS APPROVAL, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

The recorder was not present at this meeting, so Council member Bennett moved to continue this item to the next meeting. Council member Walton seconded the motion. The motion passed; Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

13) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2024, JANUARY 6, 2025, AND FEBRUARY 3, 2025.

Council member Bennett moved to continue approval of the minutes, and Council member Pearson seconded the motion. The following vote approved the continuance: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes

14) POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY UCA 52-4-205

Council member Bennett moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. The motion seconded by Council member Walton passed: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

The Council moved into closed session at 7:10 PM. Present were Council members Kohler, Walton, Bennett, and Pearson. Also present were Eric Bunker, Sherri Price, and Merry Duggin.

At 7:50 PM Council member Pearson moved to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Council member Bennett, and the following vote approved the motion. Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; and Pearson, yes.

Returned into regular session at 7:50 PM, Council member Pearson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council member Bennett. After the following vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM: Walton, yes; Kohler, yes; Bennett, yes; Pearson, yes.

Merry Duggin

APPROVED April 7, 2025