CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Gunnison City Hall
38 West Center Street
7 P.M.

Presiding:
Mayor Lori Nay

Council Present:
Robert Andersen, Mike Wanner, Shawn Crane, Rod Taylor, Stella Hill via Zoom

Present:
Dennis Marker, Coleen Ogden, Mandi Buege, Kyler Daybell, Jeremy Madsen, Blake Donaldson, Carlton Jensen, Mike Bennett, J.D. Bunnell, Jed Hill

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:
Given by Councilman Shawn Crane

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mike Wanner

Public Forum:
Mike Bennett with the Sanpete County fair addressed the council and asked if they would be able to use the Cities metal folding chairs for their concert on August 19th. He stated that would need 400 of them. Robert asked that they pull the numbers off them when they are done. The council approved.

Consent Agenda:
The Council took a few minutes to go over all the items.

Ratification of $6,000 contract for well siting services:

Ratification of $4,000 contract for July 4th entertainment:

Ratification of $3,000 contract for Surveying Services:
The motion to ratify A, B and C was made by Councilmen Shawn Crane, with a second by Rod Taylor. The vote was unanimous.

June 14, 2022, Special City Council Minutes, June 15, 2022, City Council Minutes, June 28, 2022, Special Council Minutes:

The motion was made by Shawn Crane approve, seconded by Rod Taylor. The vote was unanimous

Bids Awards, Recognitions, and Appointments:

Mayor Lori Nay wanted to express her thanks to Rod Taylor for all his hard work over the years as the Zoning Administrator. She stated that is often a thankless job, but that are very grateful for him. She said that she would like to appoint the City Manager, Dennis Marker as the Zoning Administrator. She asked the council for their advice and consent. She asked for a vote, Taylor yes, Wanner yes, Crane Anderson yes, Hill yes via text. The Mayor asked if Dennis would take some time to talk about his background with planning and zoning. Dennis stated that his first job out of college was with Sandy City in their planning and zoning department where he reviewed sign permits, conditional use permits, codes, developmental standards. He then went on the Santaquin City and was their sole city planner where he was over the planning and zoning for 14 years. He dealt with development review, building permit review, zone changes, zone and code amendments, subdivision review. He is currently a part of the American Institute of Certified Planners, which is a part of the American Planning Association, which is a national association that deal with planning and zoning issues. He stated that this required a certain number of years of experience along with a 3-hour test to become a member.

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Private Trash Removal:

Dennis explained the code about trash removal to the council. The code states that the city will provide trash removal services for the residents and that there is a fee associated with that. The code states that if someone wants to get to do their own trash removal that they have to get the approval of the city council, but they will still be charged the fee. Carlton Jensen stated that he is a little confused about the code, and why he needs to continue to pay for the fee if he is not using the service. He has been able to do this when in other communities. Dennis explained that the way the code is wrote he will have to use the Cities services. Carlton takes it to the landfill himself and felt like this was the same responsibility has having someone take their trash out to the road. The council agreed that they would have to follow the code as read. They would like to investigate into making the code clearer.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding $4,025 IT purchase:

Kyle Daybell and Jeremy Madsen with dynamic integrations came before the council. The City is needing to update their IT system to make sure they are separate from the Police and the library. The cost to make this upgrade will be $4025.00. The Mayor stated that this is necessary to have our systems separated. Mike Wanner made the motion to approve, Shawn Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7:44 P.M. Kyler and Jeremy left the meeting

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding $75,000 Purchase of Mini-Excavator:

JD Bunnell spoke with the council to let them know he has been working with Kubota to get a new mini excavator for the public works department. Robert Andersen stated that this was put into the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Shawn Crane asked what it would be used it. Mayor Nay said that it would create less impact on people's yards, the streets, and the cemetery. JD stated that Kubota was very willing to work with him and make sure that if they financed through them, they would make it work it the budget plan. Rod Taylor asked what type of warranty they would get. JD was not sure but stated he will find out when we they get it. The Council, Dennis Marker, and JD spoke about the different leasing options for the mini ex. JD stated that the rate would go up if they financed somewhere else. The motion was made by Shawn Crane, seconded by Councilman Andersen. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding $6,025 Purchase of Sod Cutter:

JD stated that they are needing a sod cutter to remove sod before they dig for a burial. It will make the process more efficient, and the cemetery will look nicer. He stated that is will cost $5552.75. Mike Wanner made the motion, Rod Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2022-04 Modifying City Purchasing Policies

Dennis Marker addressed the council about making changes to the current purchasing policy. He went through it with the council.

7:56 Mike Bennett left the meeting

Shaun Crane asked what process to was used to come up with spending amounts. Dennis stated that everything would still stay within the budget. The council will still see and approve all bills. He said that is a matter of figuring out what the council is comfortable with. Shawn Crane stated that the council wouldn't have time to approve the purchase. The Mayor thought that public works would use this larger purchasing policy more. Robert Andersen stated that it would only be necessary with an emergency purchase. Rod Taylor stated that it was a large jump from $2000 to $15000. Shawn Crane said this is something that only happens a couple of times of year, he doesn't see the need to increase. Mike Wanner talked to other municipalities and found they have a $5000 spending limit. Dennis stated that is a discussion of amounts. Shawn thought there was a need for a discussion on a higher opportunity for fraud. They agreed that they need to be cautious, but they do need to investigate increasing it. The Mayor stated that as a council they like to be informed and have communication on major purchases. After some discussion they decided to table this.

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Jed Hansen, the Chief of the Fire dept wanted to thank the council for the bonus. He stated that they have one of best departments and that it is because of the City leaders, and the communication that they have with the community. Mike Wanner stated that they are so grateful for all that the fire department does for the community.

8:14 P.M. Jed Hansen left the meeting

8:15 P.M. Carlton Jensen left the meeting.

Bills for period ending July 18, 2022, totaling $1,209,601.97:

The council took some time to review the bills and discuss what some of the purchases. Shawn Crane made the motion to approve the bills, Mike Wanner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Report from council members:

Robert Andersen stated that the 4th of July was a wonderful celebration and that the auction raised around $40,000. They stated that the ballfield is looking very good and that this will help to pay for the lights. Shawn Crane expressed his thanks for everyone that helped with the celebration. He said the entertainment was phenomenal. They had a large crowd and felt like it gets bigger every year. He stated that most the vendors sold out. He said the car show ended up having 48 cars. Mike stated that it was a good turn out and it was a lot of fun. Shawn stated that his goal is to add on new thing to the celebration every year, and that the car show was a good addition. He felt that overall, it was a very successful celebration. He wanted to thank the public works employees for keeping the park clean and kept up on all the garbage. Dennis stated that the staff had a meeting to discuss things that they can do better for the next year and thanked them all. Mike Wanner went over the plans for United We March, they are expecting a large turnout and would like to make sure they can get things set up ahead of time. Mike will work with public works to make sure they are all on the same page. JD Bunnell stated that they are expecting to start a rationing schedule for the irrigation water on August 15th. Rod stated that they will get together and discuss the schedule.

8:59 P.M. JD Bunnell left the meeting.

Shawn Crane made the motion to go into executive session. Mike Wanner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (May be called to discuss the pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or purchase, exchange, or lease of real property) starts at 9:00

Adjournment

Attest:

Valerie Andersen

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder

Lori Nay

Lori Nay, Mayor

August 17, 2022

Approval Date