



City Council Meeting

August 16, 2023

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7:09 P.M. Councilor Crane opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Rod Taylor, Michael Wanner, Shawn Crane, Stella Hill, Robert Andersen

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Mike Wanner.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Councilor Crane.

Public Forum:

No public comment.

Minutes

Meeting:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the August 2nd, 2023, meeting, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Bills for period ending:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending August 10th, 2023, totaling \$61,905.09, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Bids, Awards, and Appointments

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer(s):

It is recommended by the city's financial advisory, Mr. Gary Keddington, that a Deputy Treasurer be appointed by the City Council in the event Mandi Buege is not available to perform the City

Treasurer responsibilities. Mayor Nay, who is away on vacation, has recommended the Council appoint Carolyn Childs and Angela Leatherwood as Deputy Treasurers for the City. Both Carolyn and Angela are current employees and have assisted at the Administration front counter in the past. It is anticipated that Deputy Treasurer duties will be split between the two as needed to not take away from library duties.

Councilor Taylor made the motion to appoint Carolyn Childs and Angela Leatherwood as deputy treasurers, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Appointment of Gunnison Representatives to County Fire District:

Assistant fire Chief Zack Jensen spoke with the council. The Sanpete County Fire District allows communities to have representative votes on District actions. The Fire Department is recommending Kelbey Nay be appointed as the city's primary/1st voter to the County Fire District, and Ron Peterson be appointed as the backup/2nd voter for Gunnison. Kelby regularly attends the Fire District meetings as the current 2nd voter for Gunnison.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to appoint Kelby Nay as the primary voter to the Sanpete County Fire District with Ron Peterson as a backup, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Bids for Refinishing the Pool:

The Pool Manager, Jeremy Vincent, has been working to obtain bids to refinish the pool. Only two bids were received. Renu Pool Plastering out of Lehi, UT came in with a bid of \$106,364.35. While Blue Glass Pool Plastering out of St George put in a bid for \$97,370.00. City administrator Dennis Marker recommended that the Council award the pool refinishing work to Blue Glass Pool Plastering. The pool will be closed for 6 weeks for this project.

Councilor Andersen made the motion to award the bid for refinishing the pool to Blue Glass Pool Plastering for \$97,370.00, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

New Business

Sanpete County Livestock Show – Rawlee Coates:

Ms. Rawlee Coates won Overall Swine Showman in the Sanpete County Jr. Livestock show last year. She addressed the Council on behalf of herself and her brother who are preparing to compete again this year. She talked about the two pigs that they are currently raising. She thanked the council for their time and their previous donations.

Councilor Hill made the motion to donate \$150 to the Sanpete County Jr Livestock show, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Request by Samuel L. Roach and Mary K. Larson:

Mr. Samuel L. Roach and Ms. Mary K. Larson addressed the Council. They are currently working on getting ready to build a home. She said that there has been some confusion about what the street would be named. They are requesting that the street be named Roach Way. She stated that they own most of the property. She also said that her husband is a decorated war veteran and that she thinks this would be a great way to honor him. Councilor Taylor suggested that they look in to naming it after all the Vietnam War veterans. One suggestion was Vietnam Veteran Way. The council thinks this is a great idea and they would like some time to discuss this and get back with them.

Staff Overnight Training Requests:

The following trainings are requested within the Administration and Planning Department: Mandi Buege has her annual Utah Association of Public Treasurers conference in Salt Lake City Aug 13-16 the total cost is \$1,306. Valerie Andersen has her annual Utah Municipal Clerks Association conference in St. George on Sept 20-22 total cost is \$1130. Dennis Marker has the Utah/ID APA Planning Conference in Ogden on Sept. 28-29 total cost it \$462. The training budget for the Treasurer anticipated two annual conferences at \$2,313 total. The training budget for the Recorder anticipated two annual conferences at \$3,158 total. The training budget for the Planning Commission anticipated three attendees at \$3,400. Dennis also stated that Carolyn Childs has a conference that is coming up that is 100% paid for by the State of Utah.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the discussed overnight staff trainings, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution 2023-09 Approving a Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year:

The State Property Tax Division requires the City Council to adopt a resolution stating the city's adopted tax rate and anticipated tax revenues. This is the final action needed under the truth in taxation process for the 2023-2024 budget. Stella thought that because they didn't have any residents come out that it would be ok to go ahead with it. Rod Taylor spoke about why he doesn't think that they should make a change. He said that he doesn't feel it is necessary. He feels like inflation is not a good reason because with that the value of homes goes up which already increased the taxes for residents. Another issue that he had was that the presentation that went out to the public stated that Public Works needed a 4th employee. He thought that a few months ago the council decided that they weren't going to hire a 4th employee right now, so he was put back that this had been portrayed to the public without the council's ok. Gary Keddington stated that because of the revaluation done by the county the increase in property taxes the City will already get \$45,000. The truth in taxation will only be an additional \$2500. He stated that with a \$6 million budget it doesn't make a dent. Stella thought that it was still additional money that they could save for projects. Gary stated that he could put it away and keep it in a separate account that would only go to a project that they decide on. Another point that Rod brought up was that in the next couple of years the utility bill will be going up a lot for residents. Mike stated that he wants to be careful about how much they put on the citizens. Shawn stated that when they raise bills, they can just do it and it isn't the same process as truth in taxation. The council all agreed that this process taught them a lot on the process. Dennis stated that it was a good year to do it because other taxes in the county went down. So, Gunnison increasing it will be very minimal to the public.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 Approving a Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: No, Wanner: No, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Resolution 2023-10 Adopting the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget:

The City's financial advisor, Gary Keddington addressed the council. Overall, the general fund budget anticipates \$4,182,456 in revenues, which is a 20% reduction from the previous year's amount of \$5,278,252. Expenses for the upcoming year have been reduced accordingly and the final budget is balanced. The budget includes several capital projects and anticipates outside funding sources for many of them. The budget is also built on the supposition that the city adopts a final property tax rate of .00622 as advertised through the truth in taxation process. Gary and Dennis discussed the main points of the budget with the council. Gary stated that this is a good budget for now, and that they will make amendments throughout the year.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 adopting the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: No, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Ordinance 2023-05 Adopting Main Street Architectural Standards:

The City Council and Planning Commission have been working to develop architectural standards for properties along Main Street since November 2022. Ordinance 2023-05 is the culmination of several work meetings, public meetings, and a public hearing with the Planning Commission.

Councilor Wanner to table Ordinance 2023-05 Adopting Main Street Architectural Standards until the state architect has an opportunity to provide input on the standards, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Jeremey Vincent:

Jeremy has been working on the mural project for the pool. He traded some vinyl with Skyview landscaping for all the landscaping minus the rock. Mike Barlow will be donating his time to put in the drip system, and the high school will be donating time to tear out the current grass.

Dennis Marker:

Bid for sewer line extension at the industrial park is out to bid and will be available at the next meeting for Council approval of a contract.

The Gunnison Valley 2050 Plan consultant search went out for advertisement today.

The CDBG project will be going out for bid for the footings and for the safety netting.

There have been discussions with a property owner about possibly annexing their ground into Gunnison. Before the city can consider an annexation proposal, the City needs an annexation plan. Annexation plans must be recommended by the planning commission before Council adoption.

JD Bunnell:

JD stated that they are having some issues with the flag at the park, it got tangled and they can't get it down. He stated that he is going to have to have Rocky Mountain power come over with a lift truck to help fix the problem. He is hoping that they will be able to untangle it.

Earlier today Dennis sent a picture of the roof on the building at peacock springs. The roof is broken and is causing issues to the whole building. Rod wondered if they could get insurance money on it because the wind damaged the roof. Dennis stated that he put in a ticket with the trust and will let them know when he hears back. JD stated that he is working on bids with valley builders to either fix it or replace the whole building. They think they can keep the foundation. The council wants him to go ahead and get a bid and they would like to investigate all the options for fixing it.

Valerie Andersen:

Val will be helping the County with primary elections in September.

The new website is ready to go but we are running into issues getting the domain and permissions transferred to the new company. Our IT consultant is supposed to be working on it.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Stella Hill:

School starts tomorrow and the two kids that are watering flowers are in school. She said they are going to work on figuring out what they need to do to keep the flowers watered.

Adjournment:

9:22 P.M. Councilor Andersen made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes



Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: September 6th, 2023

Attest:



Valerie Andersen, City Recorder