



City Council Meeting

January 3rd, 2024

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Donald Childs, Mike Wanner, Shawn Crane, Lori Nay, Stella Hill, Robert Andersen

Invocation/Inspirational Thought Given by Councilor Crane.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Nay

Swearing In of Elected Officials:

City recorder, Valerie Andersen swore in the new City Council members, Stella Hill, Mike Wanner, and Donald Childs.

Public Forum

Whites Sanitation:

Max White with White's Sanitation addressed the council. He told them that there is new management at the landfill, and that there will be some changes with what they are allowed to dump. He stated that when the city does their cleanup twice a year that they will no longer be able to dump for free. They are no longer allowing fridges or freezers. They will not take tires. The council asked that the admin office push these changes out on social media. The council discussed with Max when they would like to do the city clean up in the spring. JD Bunnell suggested May 6-13th, the council agreed. Max stated that he would get them on their schedule.

Minutes

December 06, 2023, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor made the motion to approve the minutes for December 6th, 2023, Councilor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: abstain, Andersen: Yes

Bills for period ending December 29, 2023, totaling \$302,969.64.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending December 29, 2023, totaling \$302,969.64, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

New Business

Reconsideration of Employment Agreement with City Recorder:

Dennis Marker told the council that Valerie Andersen is requesting that her employment contract with the city be modified to reflect an hourly rate of pay rather than salaried position. The city recorder position qualifies as an exempt position based on the rate of pay, nature of duties, professional education requirements and decision-making authorities associated with the position.

Councilor Hill made the motion to reconsider the employee agreement with the City Recorder, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Water Rights at New Well:

Kelly Chappell with Ensign Engineering suggested that the City submit a point of diversion change application with the state Engineer's office for the new Tarr Canyon well. The application will enable Gunnison to pull its water rights from existing sources and the new well. The review process, and likely defense process, is expected to take more than two years. Submitting the application now will hopefully allow the city to pull water from the well when it is constructed. Having water rights assigned to the well also demonstrates to potential funding entities that the city is committed to the project.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to go ahead with the water rights change application, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2024-01 amending authorities to adjust utility bills, providing for codification, inclusion in the municipal code, correction of scrivener's errors, severability, and an effective date:

Dennis Marker spoke with the council. He let them know that this ordinance allows the City Administrative staff to adjust user accounts under the following circumstances. 1. When a Citizen has a water leak the City

staff will communicate with them and find out the reason for the high usage or leak. Once the leak is fixed the user's account can be adjusted down by 50%. 2. Late fees associated with other governmental entities' accounts may be waved without request. 3. A monthly report shall be provided to the City Council on all account adjustments.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve ordinance 2024-01, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

2022-23 Audit Report:

Gabe Miller with Kimball & Roberts presented the audit and the findings to the council.

Annual Open Public Meetings Training:

Dennis Marker reviewed the annual open public meetings training, and test with the council.

JD Bunnell: Sewer project is going well.

Dennis Marker: A public hearing for the annexation policy plan will be on the next meeting. SITLA requires that the city do some improvements for the bike race on g-hill, and that the city pay \$1500 for the permit to make the improvements.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Mike: October 5th is when NICA would like to do the race at G Hill.

Stella Hill: Stated that the cemetery looks nice and wondered when they clean up from Christmas. JD stated that it will be during the next cleanup which is usually in the spring before Memorial Day.

Robert Andersen: The lights can now be turned on at the ballpark.

Mayor Nay: Steve Lund wrote a letter on behalf of the City to the governor's office. He wanted to make it clear that they are not going after this money just for Gunnison City and that it benefits the prison. She stated that she doesn't feel that it is fair to have all the costs on the citizens when it benefits both parties equally.

Executive Session: 8:59 P.M. Councilor Crane made the motion to go into executive session to discuss water rights, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

The Council exited executive session at 9:19 P.M.

Adjournment: 9:20 P.M. Councilor Hill made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lori Nay", written over a horizontal line.

Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: January 17th, 2024

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Valerie Andersen", written over a horizontal line.

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder