

The following are the approved minutes of the Centerfield City Council meeting held February 21, 2024 in the Centerfield City Hall. Those in attendance; Mayor Travis Leatherwood, Brittney Fisher, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Bart Hammond.

Other employees in attendance: Stewart Jensen & Lacey Belnap  
Meeting is being conducted by Mayor Travis Leatherwood  
Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

- 1- Roll Call
- 2- Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Travis Leatherwood
- 3- Invocation - Councilman Hammond

#### **Minutes of February 7, 2024**

Councilman Stewart moved to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0.

#### **Cutler Frandsen- Easter Egg Hunt donation**

Cutler Frandsen is in attendance to ask for permission to use the park for an easter egg hunt and a donation from the city for the easter egg hunt. Cutler has already purchased 20,000 plastic eggs and will ask if they want to donate the plastic eggs back, they can use them year after year. Cutler plans to ask for donations from Walmart and Gunnison Market. Event will be held on March 30, 2024, with time to be determined. Event will be held at the same time as the Easter egg hunt held in Gunnison each year, so individuals will have to choose which one to attend.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to donate \$500 to an easter egg hunt to be held at the Centerfield City Park, as well the usage of the park. Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher. Carries 5-0.

#### **Diane Hill- Building Permit Application for a home**

Diane Hill is in attendance to get a building permit for her son Michael Hill at 68 North 100 West. All setbacks were gone over. Since meeting with planning and zoning, the Hill's have split off the property to be .49 acre, and have it recorded at the county. One irrigation share of water has also been turned into the city, certificate #3142. All setbacks were gone over and there were no issues.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve a building permit for Michael Hill at 68 North 100 West. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0.

#### **Albert Park- Building Permit Application for a Shop**

No show. Will be removed from the agenda. If Mr. Park would like to be on the agenda again, he can contact the city office.

#### **Parker Byington- Heritage Heights Dairy- Discussion on the possibility of an additional Culinary Water**

Parker Byington is in attendance to ask for additional culinary water at Heritage Heights Dairy to be able to wash down the milking equipment. Byington estimates they would use at least 5,000 gallons of water per day. Later the amount came out to at least 25,000 gallons per day, so they could also run water over the cooling plates for the milk. By using Centerfield water for the cooling plates, Byington would be able to save thousands of dollars every month on his power bill. Water was granted to Heritage Heights Dairy for culinary usage for only the two trailer houses. Council asked Byington to come back in two weeks for the next council meeting, once they have time to look into some additional things.

**Jonah Christensen- Discussion on out of town culinary water connections and culinary water usage**

Councilman Christensen would like to discuss the possibility of opening back up new out of town water connections. With the purchase of water rights, Jonah would like to see the city start to make money off of the water, rather than let it just flow down the river. Overall consensus of the council is that the city has the water now, but needs to make sure they are taking care of the current residents needs and that there is adequate pressure in the fire hydrants before doing anything else. Council will look into what options the city legally has as far as selling water for a certain time frame and then taking that connection away.

**Unfinished Business/Report of Council Members**

**Mayor Leatherwood-**

Mayor Leatherwood mentioned a photographer will be taking headshots of the council and planning and zoning board on March 6 at 6:30 pm.

All ordinances will be updated on the city website by the end of the month.

A planning meeting with Gunnison on a valley wide plan through 2050 with things the residents would like to see will be held on February 27. Then there will be a public planning meeting in March. City will send out postcards with a date for the March meeting.

There is a Utah Water Users Conference on March 18-20 in St. George if anyone would like to attend.

City sent out a bid for 6,000 cubic yards for the irrigation pond. Bid from Madsen Excavation was for \$32,595. Mike from Madsen Excavation said he knew there would be more than 6,000 cubic yards but thought that is all that the city could afford. Mayor Leatherwood gave Madsen Excavation permission to go up to 10,000 cubic yards. Madsen quit today at just about 12,000 cubic yards. Madsen came in with a couple different bids with the base per cubic yard going down as the removal of yards increased. Mayor gave approval for him to clean out the pond all the way.

**Jonah Christensen-**

Councilman Christensen shut off an individual's water because they moved. Councilman Christensen is verifying that all services need to be stopped, as well as penalties. Everything except police and fire will be turned off. Fire district fee and landfill fee will be moved to the rocky mountain power bills starting July 1, they will no longer be on the city bill.

Councilman Christensen had an individual contact him about a leak. He notified the city within a couple weeks of getting his bill and is fixing the leak. Councilman Christensen is wondering if the council would be open to writing off 100,000 gallons due to the individual being diligent in getting the leak fixed.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to forgive the account that had an overage of 118,000+, to forgive the last 100,000 gallons. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 5-0.

Councilman Christensen went around and talked to the owners in the trailers, one lived in it sometimes, several trailers no one lives in, a couple lived in several days out of a week, one was on county property. Chris Surowic is in attendance to discuss the trailer ordinance. Mr. Surowic states no one lives in the trailer on his property and that no one ever has. Mr. Surowic is glad to know what the trailer ordinance is, so he can make sure he is following it.

Ryan Stewart-

Councilman Stewart talked to Earlene Christensen about finding the past mayors, pictures and years served. Earlene said they would be happy to do that. Earlene also wondered about moving the plaque and bell over to the Old Rock Church. It was approved previously that they could do it at their expense, with prior approval of location.

Councilman Stewart made a motion to go into a closed session for current litigation at 9:25 PM. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 5-0. Roll Call Vote Yea- Brittney Fisher, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Bart Hammond.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go out of a closed session for current litigation at 9:46 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Fisher. Carries 5-0. Roll Call Vote Yea- Brittney Fisher, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Bart Hammond.

Back in regularly scheduled council meeting at 9:46 PM

Councilman Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Hammond. Carries 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Lacey Belnap Lacey Belnap, City Recorder  
Travis Leatherwood Travis Leatherwood, Mayor  
March 6, 2024 Approval Date