



City Council Meeting

February 21st, 2024

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7 P.M. Councilor Crane opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Donald Childs, Shawn Crane, Stella Hill, Robert Andersen

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Stella Hill

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Shawn Crane

Mayor Nay arrived.

Public Forum:

Carlton Jensen stated that he has always loved the sign that is in the park when you drive into Gunnison. He thinks that it would be a tragedy for Gunnison to get rid of it. He thinks that money could be better spent on fixing the current sign.

Denise Croft strongly opposes the sign; she thinks that amount of money would be better spent on maintaining the current sign. She stated that it is unique and adds character to Gunnison.

Public Hearing – Lead Service Line Survey:

Councilor Hill made the motion to open the public hearing, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Kelly Chappell with Ensign engineering is the engineer on the project. The EPA is requiring Cities to identify the material that all residents' laterals are made from coming into their homes from the water meter. The EPA wants to identify all lead services throughout the Country. The City sent out a letter to all the residents to try and collect this data through a survey. He stated that this is the first step, if they need to go around to resident's homes, they will do that as well. He said that they are unaware of what the next step will be after the data is collected. Brandon

Murphy asked if they would be ok to look in where the water meter is. JD Bunnell stated that he would be happy to come look at it with him, he said he isn't sure if they will be able to see what the connection is by looking at the meter. JD stated that they can go to homes and help identify if the resident is unable. The EPA stated that any home built after 1989-90 is not a concern, so if a resident knows when their home was built that is helpful. The City asked that residents get the info in by February 29th. Carlton Jensen made a comment that he couldn't get the QR code to work. Kelly stated that he would send the direct link to Valerie and asked her to push it out on social media. Debbie Greener stated that her line is under her home in a crawl space, and she can't go under there. JD stated that that they will come around and look when a resident is unable to.

Councilor Crane made the motion to close the public hearing, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Tarr Canyon Well Project Funding:

City Administrator Dennis Marker addressed the council. During the January 21 budget work session, the Council requested that scenarios for funding the Tarr Canyon well be brought back to the Council for consideration. Assumptions: 1) The State DFCM will provide \$5.5 million, over two years toward the project. Jim Russell, Director of DFCM, has confirmed that the money is reserved and DFCM will enter into an agreement with the city to solidify the expenditure toward the well project. 2) CIB will not contribute additional funds. CIB granted Gunnison \$175,000 to assist with preliminary planning and environmental work. At the same meeting, CIB instituted a moratorium on new applications for funding. 3) Gunnison contributes a total of \$1 million of reserve funds toward the well. Gunnison already spent \$800,000 toward test wells and has committed to matching the CIB grant for a total expenditure of \$975,000. Depending on financing terms, a portion of the city's costs could be eligible for reimbursement or disregarded as a project match. 4) Total project cost is \$16,000,000 which includes the purchase of additional water rights. 5) Based on area MAGI, Gunnison does not qualify for DWR term adjustments or rate modifications Scenarios: Scenario Pros Cons A: USDA RD Finances remainder of project. 1. 25% of financed funds will be in grant (\$2.3M) 2. Least impact on consumer fees with water rights 3. Includes water right acquisition 1. Requires 40-year term. 2. Results in over \$5M interest 3. "Federalizes" the project, which potentially adds 25% to project costs. B: Utah Department of Water Resources finances remainder of project 1. Shorter Payoff period 2. Non-Federal Project 3. Least impact on consumer fees. 1. Shorter Payoff period requires higher annual payment. 2. No Grant 3. The State will not finance water right purchase. 4. Additional

financing or rate increases to acquire water rights. C: Combination of A and B 1. Can limit federal impact while taking advantage of grant and water rights funding. 1. Slightly higher impact on consumer fees.

Public Forum:

Casey Dyreng with the Gunnison Valley Hospital Board addressed the council. The hospital currently has a lot of projects. He stated that they are financially stable. He said they are putting in a new clinic in Salina, he stated 1/3 of the hospital's patients come from Sevier County. They have a clinic in Manti that is almost finished. They are also adding a new wing for MRI machine, they are hoping to break ground in the next few months. \$500,000 worth of charity donations were made last year. They are also going to be having a full-time general surgeon starting this summer.

JD Bunnell: Sewer project is wrapping up; the crack seal was finished on Monday.

Gary Keddington: The State allocated additional money for B&C roads funds and Gunnison received an additional \$153,000.

Mayor Nay: Went over the council assignments.

Mayor Lori Nay: public relations, budget/financial health, employees, master planning, funding opportunities, police. Robert Andersen: Airport, cultural arts/historic preservation, equipment, recreation, sewer, culinary water. Donald Childs: animal control, streetlights, courts, pressurized irrigation, storm drainage. Shawn Crane: economic development, fair park, city hall, seniors, streets and sidewalks. Stella Hill: Beautification, park, cemetery, library, youth city council, Christmas lights. Mike Wanner: fire department, emergency management, trails/g-hill, riverwalk, 4th of July, swimming pool.

Shawn Crane: received a bid for \$11,720.00 to upgrade the clock tower. He stated that it will all be done remotely from City Hall. He will bring this to the next council meeting for approval.

Minutes

February 7 Regular Council Meeting:

Council Andersen made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 7th, 2024, regular council meeting, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Shawn: abstain, Hill: abstain, Andersen: Yes, Mayor Nay: Yes, to break the tie.

Bills for period ending February 16, 2024, totaling \$269,867.09:

Council Crane made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending February 16, 2024, totaling \$269,867.09, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding New Community Identification Sign at Park:

The City Council has been discussing a new community sign at the northeast corner of the city park since 2021. The council discussed the need to replace the sign and have something that looks nicer. Mayor Nay stated that this was put into the budget this year. They went over the design from Yesco. They also stated that they are planning on refurbishing the current sign and displaying it somewhere in City Hall. They decided that they would like to add "Progress with Purpose" to the sign.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the Yesco contract for the Community Sign with the added change; "Progress with Purpose" Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Councilor Crane made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

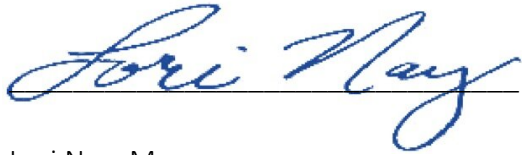
9:05 P.M. council came out of executive session.

Adjournment:

Councilor Crane made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

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Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: March 6th, 2024

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Andersen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder