



City Council Meeting

May 15th, 2024

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7:15 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Councilor Donald Childs

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay

Public Forum:

Carlton Jensen addressed the council. He is concerned about the cost of living currently in Sanpete County. He is concerned about what he thinks has been unnecessary spending that Gunnison City has been doing. He started that his utility bill has gone up 25% in the last two years. He stated that he is upset at how the council handled him asking if he could take care of his own garbage but that they wouldn't allow him. He also stated that he is upset that every time expenses go up that they automatically put it on the citizens rather than figure out or negotiate something different. The council expressed thanks for the information that he provided.

Marty McCain with Sanpete Pantry addressed the council. He stated that he likes to visit all the Cities ones a year. He started his gratitude for the mobile food truck and how Gunnison giving him the opportunity has helped them grow immensely. 63,000 meals were given out last year. He stated that they have recently lost some funds and he is hoping that Gunnison City can help.

Minutes

May 1st, 2024, Work Council Meeting:

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 1st, 2024, regular council meeting, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Shawn: Yes, Hill: Yes

May 1st, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 1st, 2024, regular council meeting, Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Childs: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Shawn: Yes, Hill: Yes

Bills for period ending May 5th, 2024, totaling \$29,081.52:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending May 5th, 2024, totaling \$29,081.52, Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Hearings

Public Hearing regarding 2024-2025 Tentative Budget:

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

Roll Call:

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

City Administrator Dennis Marker stated that this is just a tentative budget and that they still have time to make changes. During the work meeting the council discussed executing Truth in Taxation to raise additional money for the library budget. He stated that while Library costs are going up it is still a small amount compared to the large budget that the City has. Some of the other recent changes he went over were \$1,500 added to administration for annual Chamber of Commerce membership. Increased road maintenance expenses by \$6,111 to match Class C revenues. He stated the pool manager Jeremy Vincent would like funding to replace the Wubit. He stated that rather than increasing the pool budget they could absorb some of the capital expenditures, which is currently set at \$200,000, this amount was planned to go into a reserve fund to replace the roof. The council then discussed the rest of the budget. Dennis also went over all the capital projects that the City has planned over the next few years.

Carlton Jensen spoke to the council, he stated that he has gone through the budget. He stated that he looked at the waste department budget. He also stated that he feels like the City should investigate trying to cut back on a few things that are unnecessary with the economy being as bad as it is right now.

Councilor Crane made a motion to close the public hearing, councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Items

D.U.P. Cabin Museum:

Claudia Sanborn spoke with the council. She stated that John A Johnson built the cabin in 1891 and it was later donated to the DUP in 1943. Gunnison City has a lease agreement. She stated that she had a contract that she would like to execute with the council. She went over all the details of turning the cabin into a museum. She stated that this contract will have to be signed before she can move forward in making it a museum. They want to be open by the 4th of July.

Ratification of Bid Award: Gunnison Multi-Use Path and Mill and Overlay for \$970,884:

Kelly Chappell with Ensign Engineering addressed the council. The City recently advertised bids on two projects: Annual Mill and Overlay (i.e., road maintenance) and construction of the 10'-wide asphalt trail along Farmer's Freeway and 200 West. They received 3 bids for the combined projects. Bennett Paving bid \$41,137,130.00, Hales Sand and Gravel bid \$1,134,871.00, and Rasmussen Excavation bid \$690,884.00. Kelly recommended that the council ratify awarding the Multi-use Path and Mill and Overlay project to Rasmussen Excavation for \$970.884. He stated that they will be able to start as soon as next week with approval from the council tonight.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to ratify awarding the multi-use path and mill and overlay project to Rasmussen Excavation for \$970.884, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Truth in Taxation Process for FY 2024-2025:

Dennis Marker addressed the council. He stated that an increase in the library apportionment of the city's property tax may be warranted. The current property tax dedicated for library purposes raises \$18,051. This is a mill rate of .000115. The tentative library expense budget for 2024-2025 is \$102,350, which means the taxes dedicated to the library cover only 18% of the library costs. Other library specific revenues, such as memberships, copy fees, grants, and donations from other cities, only contribute an average of \$4,000. All other library funding is from general fund subsidies. He stated that by Increasing the library tax by 50% or by \$9,011 enables the city to balance the budget while marginally increasing the amount of taxes dedicated to Library services. Increasing the property tax by \$9,011 would be a 3.53% increase to the city's general property tax but only represents a 0.062% increase in the overall property tax. For the

average property owner that is approximately a \$10 increase. He let the council know that if they want to move forward with Truth in Taxation the budget will not have to be approved until the end of August. The council discussed this and decided that they will not go through the Truth in Taxation process this year. Dennis let them know that they will have to finalize the budget by the end of June. Dennis went over all the new changes in the tentative budget.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2024-04 Modifying the City Fee Schedule:

The pool would like to add a summer pass for \$75 for a family. The council thought that \$100 was a better number. The fee schedule also notes that Centerfield citizens will get the resident rate.

During the previous council meeting there was discussion about increases to the monthly irrigation system base rates. The current increased rate of \$6.50 went into effect June of 2023 to repay the loan from the State of Utah. There have also been requests from community members to be able to choose the size of meter that they would like. Dennis suggested the following fee structure; 1" would add an additional \$3, 1.5" would be a \$8 increase, 2" would be \$11, and the 3" would add \$15. They would like to start the new fee increase 07-01-24.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 Modifying the City Fee Schedule, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Dennis Marker:

4 Planning Commission members went to the conference in Cedar City. He stated that he and Mike Wanner spoke at one of the sessions.

JD Bunnell:

He stated that he would like more communication on complaints with meter issues. He wants to be able to get things taken care of as soon as possible.

Reports by Mayor and Council Member

Mike Wanner:

The Fourth of July committee came up with a new sponsorship idea that he wanted to go over with the council. He stated that the funding opportunity would focus on entertainment, but that all the money coming in would still go towards the project. Valerie Andersen stated that it maybe needs to be worded differently so that individuals don't think that they are donating to help with the cost of the concert. The council agreed that the money spent by the City was all a donation from the City and that all money coming in would go towards the project chosen by the committee. Mike stated that they also need to do a better job at staying within the budget that is set.

Steven Saulter: Went over the increased costs of the fireworks show for the Independence Day celebration.

Stella Hill:

The park and cemetery are looking nice, and she wanted to express her gratitude to the Public Works department.

Mayor Nay:

Miss Gunnison float doesn't fit in the Shop. The Mayor asked that it be put out on social media to see if anyone in the community would be willing to let Miss Gunnison store their float.

Needing commission members for architectural review committee. Casey Dyreng and Jolynn Chappell have accepted to be on the committee. Dennis Marker will be heading up that committee.

Six County Growth Summit in Richfield next week, need to arrive before 5 P.M.

Executive Session:

Councilor Crane made the motion to go into executive session, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

10:40 P.M. put of executive session.

Adjournment:

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

Roll Call:

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

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Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: June 5th, 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