

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL
Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center Street
Moab, Utah

March 18, 2014

The Grand County Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Grand County Courthouse located at 125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah. Chairman Lynn Jackson called the Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Lynn Jackson, Gene Ciarus, Jim Nyland, Patricia Holyoak, Elizabeth Tubbs, Ken Ballantyne and Rory Paxman along with Grand County Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll and Council Administrator Ruth Dillon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lynn Jackson.

Approval of Minutes (Diana Carroll, Clerk/Auditor)

- A. February 21, 2014 (County Council Special Meeting: Workshop on Policies and Procedures of the Governing Body), Postponed from March 4, 2014
- B. March 4, 2014 (County Council Meeting)
- C. March 14, 2014 (County Council Special Meeting: Capital Facilities Workshop)
Postponed until the next meeting

Ratification of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Pat/Rory to approve 7 -0 roll call vote

Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patricia Holyoak to approve payment of bills presented in the amount of \$1,178,102.89. Accounts payable check numbers 82337 – 82544 totaling \$1,017,045.70 and payroll in the amount of \$161,057.19 confirming all bills presented were within budgeted appropriations. Motion seconded by Council Member Rory Paxman carried with a 7 – 0 roll call vote.

Elected Official Reports

Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll introduced Jordan Knutson a newly hired Deputy Clerk/Auditor.

Council Administrator Report

Council Administrator Ruth Dillon reported attending an FMLA Training.

Department Head Reports

D. 2013 Annual Review of Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project (Lee Shenton, Moab UMTRA Liaison)

Moab UMTRA Liaison Lee Shenton reported on 2013 activities along with 2014 plans including progress reports, environmental impact, and funding.

Agency Reports

E. 2013 Honey Bee Inspection Report (Jerry Shue, Grand County Honey Bee Inspector)

Grand County Honey Bee Inspector Jerry Shue gave his inspection report for 2013. No American Foul Brood was found in Spanish Valley or Castle Valley, but two colonies in Elgin were found infected and destroyed.

Citizens to Be Heard

Sarah Melnicoff presented a guide to recycling "Moab's Green Guide".

Presentations

F. Introduction of John Foster, Director, Museum of Moab, Postponed from March 4, 2014 (Dave Vaughn and Don Montoya, President, Museum of Moab Board)

Dave Vaughn introduced Museum of Moab Board President, Don Montoya who introduced the new Museum Director, John Foster.

G. Presentation of 2014 Utah Weed Control Association Biological Award to Wright Robinson (Tim Higgs, Grand County Weed Supervisor and Council Member Paxman)

The Utah Weed Control Association Biological Award for 2014 was presented to Wright Robinson for his efforts with the Tamarisk Beetle project in and around Grand County.

H. Presentation of 2014 Nash Wash Wildlife Management Area Habitat Management Plan (Makeda Hanson, Impact Analysis Biologist, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources)

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis Biologist, Makeda Hanson presented a draft of the Nash Wash Wildlife Management Area Habitat Management Plan for the area centered on and around the old Cunningham Ranch in the Book Cliffs. When the plan is complete, it will be presented for Council consideration of concurrence.

I. Presentation on Community Letters Regarding Congressman Bishop Public Lands Initiative (Susan Roche, Deb Walter, Bob O'Brian and Bill Rau, Citizens)

Several Grand County residents gathered to study, code, and summarize the content of the public comment letters regarding public lands use. The content of the written comments received was summarized and presented in a report.

Discussion Items

J. Discussion on Funding of Proposed Full Time Lead Technician Position for the Weed Department (Ruth Dillon, Council Administrator, Orlinda Robertson, Human Resources Director, and Tim Higgs, Weed Supervisor)

Council Administrator Ruth Dillon explained the issues experienced by the Weed Department to justify the need for additional staff. A lengthy discussion followed.

K. Calendar Items and Public Notices (KaLeigh Welch, Council Office Coordinator)

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

L. Approving Proposed Letter of Support for Forest Legacy Funding through Forestry, Fire and State Lands for a Conservation Easement in Order to Preserve approximately 541 Acres on the East Slope of the La Sal Mountains (Sue Bellagamba, Canyonlands Regional Director of The Nature Conservancy, and Glenna Thomas, Citizen and Property Owner)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Nyland to approve the revised letter of support for Forest Legacy Funding through Forestry, Fire and State Lands for conservation easements in order to preserve approximately 541 acres of property owned by Glenna Thomas on the east slope of the La Sal Mountains and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Ken Ballantyne carried 6 – 1 Ciarus opposed.

M. Approve Contract Award for the Purchase of a Polaris Ranger 6x6 UTV and Accessories for the Sand Flats Recreation Area from Morgan Valley Polaris of Morgan, Utah, State Contractor (Andrea Brand, SFRA Program Manager)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Ken Ballantyne to approve the contract award for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger 6 x 6 and accessories for Sand Flats Recreation Area through the state contract with Morgan Valley Polaris in Morgan, Utah in the amount of \$11,431.35 and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Rory Paxman carried 7 – 0.

N. Approving Proposed Letter to Uintah County Regarding Interest in Participating in Studies to Address Feasibility of an Enhanced Transportation Corridor in Segoe Canyon, and Potentially Crossing SITLA lands to the Existing Road Network in Southern Uintah County (Chairman Jackson)

Council Chair Jackson explained to the public that there would be no action taken, approval would be to send a letter to address the feasibility study.

Speaking from the audience:

Michael Peck – spoke regarding the impact of disturbance of the archeological sites in the area.

Wayne Hosskison spoke regarding his concern of this issued being include this in the Bishop Lands bill.

Dave Early spoke regarding the climate change impact of the area.

Ken Davey spoke regarding Uintah and Duchesne County's desire to continue to develop their oil and gas and the need for a more economical way to deliver product.

Council Member Tubbs stated that the action of the Council today is just to approve sending a letter.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Gene Ciarus to approve sending the proposed letter as corrected, to Uintah County regarding interest in participating in studies to address feasibility of an enhanced transportation corridor in Sego Canyon, and potentially across SITLA lands to the existing road network in southern Uintah County, and authorize the Chair to sign the letter. Motion seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Tubbs carried 7 – 0.

Consent Agenda- Action Items

O. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KUBL/KKAT and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$13,005.00

P. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KOSI and KALC and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$16,675.00

Q. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between 103.5 the Arrow and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$14,040.00

R. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between the Zone Sports Network and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$9,000.00

S. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KZHT and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$14,500.00

T. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KSL and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$9,080.00

U. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KXRK and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$13,563.00

V. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KBCO and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$16,000.00

W. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between KWOE and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$16,000.00

X. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Promotional Agreement Between 102.3 ESPN and Grand County for Moab Area Travel Council in the Amount of \$6,000.00

Y. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Letter Sent to Adam Trupp, General Counsel, Utah Association of Counties for Drafting of Amendments to State Senate Bill 176 on Local Funding of Rural Health Care (Chairman Jackson)

Z. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Location Agreement for Off the Fence to Film at Canyonlands Field

AA. Ratifying Chair's Signature on Building Permit Application for Additional Remodel at Canyonlands Field

BB. Ratifying Chair's Signature on FY 2014 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant Application on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Rory Paxman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Ken Ballantyne carried 7 – 0.

General Council Reports and Future Considerations

Council Member Ballantyne announced the Health Care SSD meeting will be held Thursday. Council Member Jackson will attend.

Council Member Tubbs reported a HAZMAT incident occurred in Thompson on BLM property. Ground breaking on the Aspen Cove project was held last Tuesday. Council Member Tubbs also attended Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, and Housing Authority meetings.

Council Chair Jackson attended Planning Commission and Sand Flats Stewardship meetings.

Council Member Holyoak attended USU meeting and Moab Area Water Shed meeting tomorrow.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Grand County Council Chair

ATTEST: 

Diana Carroll, Grand County Clerk/Auditor