



City Council Meeting

October 2nd, 2024

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

8:06 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 Shawn Crane

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay

Public Forum:

Rawley Coates wanted to thank the City for their donation to the Sanpete County Livestock, she stated that she brought home 4 buckles from the fair.

Minutes

September 11th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 11th, 2024, regular council meeting, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills for period ending September 30th, 2024, totaling \$500,750.91:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending September 30th, 2024, totaling \$500,750.91, Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Storm Drain Improvements along 100 West:

Mayor Nay asked that a sign be put up where the bump on Center Street and 200 West. Kelly Chappell and Dennis Marker addressed the council. During the August 21st City Council meeting, there was discussion about options for handling more storm water on the corner of 300 North and 100 West. Ensign engineering prepared a cost estimate and design for one of the options discussed. The cost estimate was between \$25-\$35k.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the smaller sump 100 West, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Works Wage Study:

Centerfield recently conducted a limited wage survey related to their new public works employee position. The survey included the communities of Monroe, Mayfield, Ephraim, Manti and Gunnison. The survey looked at position, years of experience, wages, and benefits. To get a better perspective of the public works labor market, Dennis invited the additional communities of Fairview, Mount Pleasant, Salina, Santaquin, Nephi, and Richfield to share their similar data. Richfield did not respond. The scatter plot showed all reported positions, except directors, relative to their years of service and their pay from the two combined studies. The Gunnison employees currently make \$18.52 (10 yrs), \$21.72 (7 yrs) and \$24.34 (13 yrs). The first employee splits time between building and grounds maintenance and the library, so it was difficult to draw direct correlations with the study and their wages. The second employee has 7 yrs of experience and state certifications but is making slightly over starting wages within the market area. Although the third Gunnison employee has over a decade of experience, they do not have any system certifications that would generally warrant bumps in pay. The council had some discussion and agreed that their Employees need to have an incentive to become certified. They feel like that because Wyatt has certifications, he should be making more money. Mayor Nay felt like all the employees need to make more money. She felt like Wyatt should get two hours more and hour, and Angela and Pancho should each get one dollar an hour more.

Councilor Crane made the motion to increase Wyatt \$2/hour, Angela \$1/hour and Luis \$1/hour, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

2023 CDBG Ballfield Enhancement Project Changes:

Dennis addressed the Council and stated that South Sanpete School District (SSSD) directed that the ballfield enhancement project must not include perimeter safety netting on the homer dome

or high school softball field. This change to the project created a savings of \$32,000 with eliminating poles and concrete for the safety netting. The school district asked that the savings be applied to converting another ballfield to LED lighting. The CDBG staff indicate the City only need to write a letter requesting the change in scope and it should be approved. Andy Cox Electric quoted converting another ballfield LED at \$54,654. The SSSD is not willing to participate in any funding toward the additional LED work. The overall project estimate was \$336,336 with Gunnison contributing \$86,300. Even with the additional ballfield conversion, the project appears to be coming under budget by roughly \$42,000. Some of that difference is needed as cushion since underground utilities may be affected when the shade structures are installed. The council had some discussion on this. Councilor Shawn Crane wondered if they should wait to make sure they have enough money left in the project. They decided that they want to move forward so they don't miss the deadline with the CDBG.

Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve the 2023 CDBG Ballfield Enhancement Project Changes, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards, and Committees

Tyler Donaldson:

The Homecoming parade is coming up. He stated that they have had some issues with the United We March parade with cars trying to get onto Main Street from the side streets. He asked JD what he thought would work to block traffic. JD stated that he thinks they should put barrels and tape them off.

They have had a lot of felony cases

Part timers are helping more now with the wage increase. They are mostly working on traffic stops.

Carolyn Childs:

Attended the Utah State Library Conference where Gunnison Library was recognized as being a quality library.

Dennis Marker:

Stated that Gunnison has a NICA mountain Bike race this coming weekend and went over all the prep work that has gone into this.

He just returned from a National City Mangers Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

JD Bunnell:

Wanted to thank the Council for the gift basket that was sent after his Grandma passed away. He also wanted to thank them for looking out for his workers. The lights for the river walk have come, and they will start working on those this fall. The netting for the ballfields came, they also got picnic tables put together and put out there. Started grading the parking lot by the riverwalk.

Kelly Chappell:

They are working on putting in all the driveways along the new trail.

Valerie Andersen:

Will be attending the UMCA conference in Price, UT. Has been asked by Sanpete County to take training to become certified to do signature verification for the upcoming presidential election. Stated that Gunnison City will have its yearly audit October 14-16th.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Donald Childs:

Asked how long they were planning on having the PI water on. JD stated that it is plenty hot and that they will probably go into November.

Mike Wanner:

600 races plus their families will be coming into town for the NICA mountain bike race.

Shawn Crane:

Wanted to thank JD for taking care of the R.C. airport. They had a good turnout. Talked to Jeremy with Dynamic Integrations to get the clocktower system up and going.

Stella Hill:

Maria will keep watering flowers until they no longer need it. She asked when the City fall cleanup would be? Valerie stated that it will be October 4-11th.

Mayor Nay:

Abriana Corona was recognized as the outstanding Hispanic citizen for this area by the State. Miss Gunnison needs somewhere to store their float. Dennis mentioned that Ace Allred maybe had a space they could use. Trying to have Gunnison become a tier 2 main street community, they will be eligible for more grants with this.

G.O.E.O. is giving out \$600K, She would like to give businesses an incentive to come to Gunnison's Main Street.
Main Street group \$60k review in the next 3-6 months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Wanner 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 Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

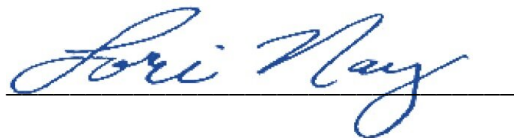
10:35 P.M. Out of Executive Session

Adjournment:

Councilor Andersen made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Hill 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: October 16th, 2024

Attest:

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

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder