



City Council Meeting

May 21st, 2025

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Councilor Stella Hill

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay

Public Forum:

Minutes

May 7th, 2025, Work Meeting:

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 7th, 2025, work meeting, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

May 7th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 7th, 2025, regular council meeting, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills for period ending May 16th, 2025, totaling \$165,510.17:

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending May 16th, 2025, totaling \$165,510.17, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Previous Items of Discussion and Possible Action

County Fire Protection Agreement:

Chief Jed Hansen addressed the council. He let the council know the number of calls that are going to the county is getting to be more than the amount of calls they get for in town. The agreement provides that Gunnison will be paid \$11,073.53 for anticipated fire services to surrounding County properties in 2025. The 2024 agreement had similar terms and payment. The proposed fee for service is based on the County's calendar year budget, which was approved in December 2024. An increase in the service payment will need to be incorporated into the December 2025 budget for next year. He let them know that they are working with the county to make sure they are involved in the budget for the next year. He let them know that they need to approve the contract for this year. He also let them know that the County is getting a new brush truck for Gunnison.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the County Fire Protection Agreement, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Lease of Water Rights:

Dennis Marker addressed the council. He stated that the City advertised a silent bid opportunity to Lease all or a portion of the City's recently acquired water rights and shares. They received the following bids; Clark Bown \$2,000 for 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette, Jason Christensen \$3,500 for 112 A.F. from Sevier and \$2,000 for 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette, Henry Hammond for 112 A.F. From and \$2,016 for 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette, Dymond Farm \$8,000 for 112 A.F. from and \$500 for 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette. After reviewing He recommended that the Council authorize The Mayor to execute lease agreements with Dymond Farm for the Sevier River water shares and With Henry Hammond for the 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette canal water.

Councilor Andersen made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute lease agreements with Dymond Farm for the Sevier River water shares and With Henry Hammond for the 36 shares of Gunnison/Fayette canal water, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Preparation Update:

Dennis Marker addressed the council. He let them know that through minor reductions to several general expense lines and recognizing more detailed tax revenue information into the budget, the previously estimated tax increase of \$75,000 has been reduced by 25% to \$56,170 (Library = +\$900

(5%), General Property Tax = +\$55,270 (23%). The total local property tax increase would be 21.77% from 2024 but is only a 2% increase from the rate property owners were paying in 2023. The total proposed property tax would be \$314,220.21. Irrigation Fund. The anticipated \$12 per month increase for irrigation services has been reduced to \$9 per month. This is possible by reducing the reserves toward future meter replacement efforts from \$75,000 to \$60,000 and eliminating the \$10,000 line item for purchasing additional water shares as they are made available.

The Police Department continues to analyze opportunities to reduce expenses and the potential use of reserves to offset increased funding requests. The police board will meet on June 2 to discuss department findings and recommendations. The City's and Police Department's finance advisor is indicating that no change is expected from previously provided numbers (i.e., a \$79,364 increase in police department expenses).

The truth in taxation process requires that a public hearing be set to present numbers to the public. That public hearing must be on an agenda where no other items will be discussed except budget related issues. It is proposed that the Council set a TNT public hearing for August 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Council can convene a regular Council meeting after the public hearing meeting.

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Dennis Marker:

6 new single-family home permits this month

Met with Farmers for the easements for the well

Receiving bids to finish the landscaping around the new city sign at the park

The council went into discussion about the easements for the Tarr Canyon Well

Councilor 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 seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

8:26 P.M. Out-of-executive session

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Mike Wanner:

Lots of help with the service project for G-day

4th of July planning going well

Shawn Crane:

Working on getting the clock tower fixed
Chairs and tents will be taken care of by local wards

Stella Hill:

Wanting to have flowers by Friday

Robert Andersen:

Great food at the ballpark
Forms are up for the building at the ballpark
He would like to get some old cars cleaned up from a lot, it looks like a wrecking yard


Mayor Nay:

June 2nd DUP dedication for cabin at noon
Need to remove some dead trees

Councilor Andersen made the motion to adjourn; Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

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Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: June 4th, 2025

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