



Special City Council Meeting

August 20th, 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

Public Hearings

Mayor Nay addressed the public.

The plan is to take the rate to where it was in 2023. She stated that it will be about \$50/year for a \$415,00 home and \$100/year for businesses. She said they were able to drop the numbers last night when they met. They also went over the numbers for the PI maintenance fee, and it will drop to \$7. That will get adopted next Monday during a special council meeting. They want to get it before another bill populates.

Continuation of Truth in Taxation Hearing:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to continue the Truth in Taxation Hearing; Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

Stella Hill stated that she knows that the pool does not make money, but she feels like it is important to the community.

Jeremy Vincent stated that his job is to bring people to the community for jobs. He stated that when they take these people around town, they show them the pool, the riverwalk, and the trails. He said people want to come here because of what Gunnison has to offer for recreational activities.

He has thirty kids on high school swimming team. They have won state championships. It creates great opportunities for youth in the community.

James Willden just returned from his mission, and the pool was the first place that he visited. He stated that he loves the pool. He joined the swimming team as a sophomore to learn how to

swim, then he worked as lifeguard. He stated that it helps with physical health. He would love to see the pool stay open and serve the community.

Anya Lyman said that she would be sad if the pool was too close. She has a lot of childhood memories there. Later in life Anya was diagnosed with scoliosis and was told swimming was good for her core. She was one of the first on the swimming team in Gunnison and is so proud of how far it has come. She thinks it is a wonderful place for people to exercise that need something that is easier on their bodies. She has worked at the pool for years and grew relationships with the elderly people that come to the pool in the mornings. She is now in college and works at the Ephraim pool and there are people that wish that they had a pool in Manti where they could lap swim.

Scott Jackson has lived in the area since sixth grade. He has early memories of the pool when it was outside. He stated that the pool is a public service and is not meant to make money. The swimming team won state and is expected to win again this year. His son has been offered scholarships for swimming.

Riley Everett stated that he was on the team that won state for the first time. He made so many friends and learned the value of teamwork. Jeremy is a good guy and a great coach.

Christine Hansen said that she is Riley's Mom. She stated that if it were not for Jeremy, He would not have had the experience that he did. She said the swimming team is such a good place for young people and she wants other kids to get the same experience.

Briana Christensen stated that the pool is a safe and fun environment for her and her kids. She said it is her family's favorite thing to do with her family. She loves that it is cost effective for her family. She stated that she lost a cousin that drowned and that she is anxious around water. She loves having local swimming lessons to help instruct her kids to swim and to lose that fear.

Lisa said that the swimming team gave her son joy and strength. He has become so enthusiastic. Supporting the pool helps kids to grow confidence.

Joe Donaldson has lived in the community for most of his life. The pool is the only place that all eight of his family members will want to go. All his kids have taken swimming lessons. His son Aaden works at the pool and has grown confidence from this. He was also on the swimming team. He is a senior and is now the student body president. Joe feels as though he was able to accomplish this from his time at the pool, growing confidence.

Vernon Broderick stated that he donated time and labor to the climbing wall. He wondered if they could start trying to get money from the school district. He also wondered about an exterior exit to the pool for bathrooms.

Shawn Crane grew up in a City where they had a wonderful swim program, and that the kids that participated have great discipline. This continued with them throughout life. One reason for truth in taxation is to help keep the pool open. He thinks that it is worth the \$5/month to keep the pool open. The City has also felt the impact of inflation. He would like support from the community to encourage others about the reasoning for raising taxes. He stated that he has talked to people from Fayette and Mayfield and would like them to talk to their City Councils to help contribute to the local pool, because it is a benefit to the whole valley.

Robert Andersen was born and raised in the valley. When he came back, he taught school in Ephraim. He used to teach at the pool. The pool was taken out and he said the community was devastated to lose it. He knows that these decisions make an impact for years after he is gone.

Mike Wanner said that there are people here that enjoy different activities throughout the community. He stated that they are trying to provide opportunities for more kids. Last year the bike team had six kids, and they have twenty this year. He wants to see kids that have not found something they love to find that passion with activities like swimming, mountain bike trails, pickleball courts, and basketball courts.

Liz Brown stated that she did not understand the marketing for truth in taxation. She stated that she was grateful that it was cleared up last week by City Administrator Dennis Marker. She would like to see the passion that these council members have for these projects and why they are expressing those things better to the community.

Shawn Crane stated that the City has talked about ways to be more transparent with not only the hard things but also the good things.

Mayor Nay stated that she is immensely proud of the group of people that she works with. She stated that they care so much about every little thing that they spend money on. The City received a \$40K grant today for the NICA road. This event brings people to the community and helps the local businesses. They are looking into getting two races a year. Mayor Nay went over the budget.

Liz Brown asked where the budget is available.

Valerie Andersen stated that it will be on the website.

Colby Brunsen understands that costs go up and things must be done. He wondered why Sanpete County has two school districts. Combined there are about 6,000 kids and he does not think two districts are necessary. He thinks if it were one school district it would help so much financially, and the impact on property taxes.

Mayor Nay stated that they need to start at the school district and go to one of their meetings.

Mike Wanner stated that he thinks they get more funding from two districts.

Josh Flake wanted to know how much more non-residents pay to go to the pool. He thinks that if residents must pay more in taxes that non-residents should have to pay more for admission.

Valerie Andersen stated that they are at different rates for residents and non-residents. She pulled up the most recent fee schedule for the City to let the public see those rates.

Carlton Jensen did not think that the community was in favor of not keeping the pool. He thinks that the City needs to look at maintaining what they have rather than continuing to have new projects. He stated that he listened to last night's meeting, and he appreciates how they worked so hard to bring the numbers down. He did not realize that the homes south of the river are not getting meters. He stated he wishes that he had a choice to not get a meter.

Mayor Nay let them know they did not have an option because the City was required to put them in by the state.

Vern Broderick wanted to know if the prison's sewer comes to the City system.

The council let him know that it does and that they. The prison is a good partner with the City, and they contribute greatly.

Mike Wanner stated that the prison helped put money towards the new well.

Brett Hunt stated that the pool has come a long way over the last few years. He is very appreciative of Jeremy and what he has done for this community.

Stella Hill loves this community.

Mayor name stated that Gunnison was nominated as one of the best run Cities for under 10,000 people.

Steven Saulter stated that he has come to a lot of meetings and normally not many people come. He is very appreciative of what the council has done for the City. He does think that truth in taxation has been good for the community because they have come and participated in the hearings and expressed their thoughts.

Councilor made the motion to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing; Councilor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Final FY 2025-2026 Budget Hearing:

Councilor Crane made the motion to continue the Final FY 2025-2026 budget Hearing; Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

No public comment

Councilor Wanner made the motion to close the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget Hearing; Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY 2025-2026 Budget:

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY 2025-2026 Budget; Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

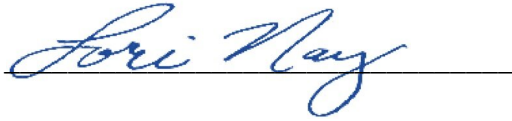
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Adjournment:

Councilor Crane made the motion to adjourn; Councilor Wanner 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: September 3rd, 2025

Attest:

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

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder