



City Council Meeting

January 28th, 2026

The Building 178 South Main, Gunnison, UT 84634

9 A.M. City Administrator Dennis Marker opened the meeting.

Present: Mayor Michael Wanner, Kim Pickett, Brian Nielson, Stella Hill, Donald Childs, Rohn Peterson, Dennis Marker, Chief Adamson, Gary Keddington, Angela Leatherwood, JD Bunnell, Kelly Chappell, Jed Hansen, Zack Jensen.

City Council Mid-Year Retreat

Welcome:

City Administrator Dennis Marker led the discussion. He went over the functions of the City and provided an Organization/Functional Area Chart for everyone. He let them know that each department would be covering their roles and responsibilities.

Department Introductions:

GVPD Chief Adamson went over the annual budget, and how he would create budget savings through grants. His goal was to have a net-zero increase for the 26-27 budget. The department has 5 employees and 7 reserve officers. The SRO is shared between Gunnison City, Centerfield City, Sanpete County, and South Sanpete School District.

Fire Chief Jed Hansen went over the organization and common functions of the fire department, which included fight fires, volunteer training and coordination, wildland support, county support, and education. He also went over their emergency plan update and their annual budget.

Assistant Fire Chief went over their involvement with Sanpete County Fire District and how they can get funding through them to get new trucks for towns. Gunnison is receiving a new brush truck and fire truck.

Director of finance Gary Keddington went over the financial department, and budget fundamentals. He covered the organization and framework with the municipal finance act. He discussed the fund accounts which included the types of funds, restrictions and uses, and the fund accounting basics. He went on to the budget process and timeline, what the council's role in adopting the budget, and the process of monitoring and amending the budget. He then went over the mid-year budget report.

Dennis Marker went over the regulatory framework and common functions of the City treasurer. He went on to cover the general initiatives that included revamping the billing and sending out a monthly newsletter.

Public Works director JD Bunnell went over the common functions for culinary water. He then had City Engineer Kelly Chappell go over the major initiatives that included Tarr Canyon Well and the funding strategies, Capital Planning projects, and water rights purchases.

JD then went over the common functions for the Sewer, and went over the major initiatives including cell health, sewer master plan, and manhole monitoring.

He then went on to the common functions within the irrigation system. He went over the major initiatives of the department which included the first year of meter reading and the expansion of the irrigation pond. Mayor Wanner stated this is at the top of his priority list.

JD then went over the common functions with the roads department. Dennis Marker let them know that they need to update the 5-year plan.

He then went on to cover the properties including the city hall, and the public works shed.

Dennis Marker then went over the main initiatives for the department which included replacing the city hall heating boilers, getting a backup generator for the city hall, the public works shed that is currently being constructed, putting in a elevator/finishing the basement/PD expansion at City Hall, and the main street parking expansion.

JD then went over the Parks and trails and what the common functions are within that department. Some of the major initiatives for this department included sports court reconstruction, new bathrooms at the park, new playground equipment, 300 West trails extension, G-Hill trails, 400 south park/skatepark, and cemetery tree farm.

Dennis Marker then went over the Pool's common functions. He stated that the major initiative for the pool included system maintenance, roof maintenance and possible replacement in the future.

The library director Angela Leatherwood then went over the common functions of the library. Some of the major initiatives were transitioning to interconnected library system, local authors forum, and program development. Dennis Marker also pointed out that Angela is working with the state to possibly change the hours of operation.

City Recorder Valerie Andersen then went over her regulatory framework including OPMA, GRAMA, Local Laws, State Records Management, Election Law. She then went over her common functions. Her major initiatives included records organization and cemetery cleanup.

Dennis Marker then went over the regulatory framework and common functions for Planning 7 Zoning. Their major initiatives included short term rentals, in-fill standards, and code cleanup. He also went over Our Valley Our Vision and the innovation park.

Dennis Marker then went over the airport framework including an interlocal agreement with Salina City. The common functions include maintenance and lease management. The major initiatives for the airport included ALP update, surface maintenance, capital improvement plan, and economic opportunities.

Dennis then went over the capital improvement plan with the council and asked that they go through them and see what they would like to prioritize.

Ethics and Legal Obligations:

Dennis Marker went over ethics and legal obligations. He covered the ethical behavior pledge, conflict of interest disclosure, OPMA, retention and GRAMA, and LUDMA.

Governance 101:

Dennis Marker then went over governance and procedure including Gunnison, being a 6-member council form of government. He went over city council meetings packets minutes, and rules for procedure. He then covered fiscal oversight. He covered the legislative process, ordinances and resolutions, public hearings and public comments, and Gunnison City Code.

Water Systems Field Trip:

2:15 P.M. the Council went around with Public Works Director JD Bunnell to see the Water Systems.



Michael Wanner, Mayor

Approval Date: February 4th, 2026

Attest:



Valerie Andersen, City Recorder