



City Council Meeting

February 4, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

Councilor Nielson made the motion to appoint Kim Pickett as chairperson for the meeting, Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

At 6 P.M. Kim Pickett started the meeting.

Roll Call:

Kim Pickett, Rohn Peterson, Brian Nielson

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Rohn Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Kim Pickett

Public Forum:

No public comment

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Centracom Movie in the Park:

Wendy Joe Jensen from Centracom presented a proposal to implement free Wi-Fi and movie nights in the city's parks during the summer. The council discussed the logistics of the events, including security measures and coordination with local businesses. The council agreed to coordinate with City Administrator Dennis Marker to schedule the events and approved the proposal for free Wi-Fi and movie nights in the parks.

Appointments, Recognitions, and Awarding of Bids

Appointment of Fire Chief and Deputy Chief:

Zack Jensen presented Jed Hansen as the fire chief, who will serve a seventh term.

Councilor Peterson made the motion to appoint Jed Hansen as Fire Chief for Gunnison City Fire Department; Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes

Jed announced the appointment of Zack Jensen as Assistant Chief and three captains: Ron Peterson, Kelby Nay, and Steven Saulter. Jed discussed the importance of the wildfire prevention program through Forester Fire and State lands, highlighting its benefits for the department and the cooperation with BLM and Forest Service. He also mentioned potential changes in the wildfire management landscape due to a new agency under DOI and a new contract between the state of Utah and the Forest Service.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Whites Sanitation Presentation of Annual Operations:

Max White discussed White Sanitation's annual visit to check in with the Council and address any issues. He explained the process for reporting broken garbage cans, which can be done by calling the city office or leaving a note with an address for White Sanitation to send someone to replace it. Max encouraged the Council to call immediately with any problems or questions, as he cannot fix issues if he is not aware of them. He also mentioned that town cleanup dates should be scheduled and confirmed with the office. Councilor Pickett suggested including holiday garbage pickup information in the Mayor's letter. Max noted that White Sanitation's contract ends this year, and they plan to return in October to discuss renewing the contract.

Cooperative Agreement With Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands FFSL for Participation in Wildland Fire Prevention Program:

Jed Hansen addressed the council. The group discussed a cooperative agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry and State Lands, which allows the fire department to respond to fires on public and private lands outside the city. Jed explained that Gunnison City, being in an area with minimal wildland-urban interface, should easily sign the agreement. The discussion touched on the potential for mitigation work on federal lands near the city and a proposed bill requiring the city to create its own maps using state references.

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands FFSL for Participation in Wildland Prevention Program, Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes

Minutes

January 5th, 2026, Special Council Meeting:

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes for the January 5th, 2026, special council meeting; Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes

January 7th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes for the January 7th, 2026, regular council meeting, Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes

January 28th, 2026, Work Council Meeting:

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes for January 28th, 2026, work council meeting, Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes

Bills for period ending January 29th, 2026, totaling \$355,535.19:

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending January 29th, 2026, totaling \$355,535.19, Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes, Childs: Yes, Hill: Yes

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Chief Jason Adamson:

Jason provided a monthly statistical report highlighting the department's busy January, with increased calls for service in Gunnison Valley. Key incidents included an assault on a police officer, a vehicle fire, and several arrests, with officers focusing on proactive patrolling and issuing warnings and citations. He also discussed surplus equipment, including unused tires and other items, for potential sale, and mentioned Officer Christensen's success in generating the most citations for the month.

JD Bunnell:

JD mentioned ongoing water infrastructure projects, including the installation of a new valve and a 2-inch water line extension. He stated that he is an open book and encouraged the council to come to him with any concerns involving public works.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Brain Nielson:

Brian stated that there is a rec board meeting next week. He would like to investigate the interlocal agreements with both the fire and rec departments.

Dennis Marker:

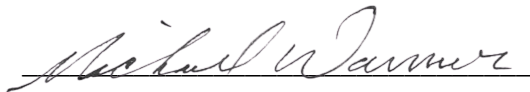
Discussed the Christensen Insurance building's construction, including a potential cost-sharing arrangement for sidewalk installation. Additionally, updates provided on legislative bills of concern to the city and offered to share information from the League of Cities and Towns.

Adjournment:

Councilor Nielson made the motion to adjourn; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Nielson: Yes, Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes



Michael Wanner, Mayor

Approval Date: February 18th, 2026

Attest:



Valerie Andersen, City Recorder