



City Council Meeting

March 4th, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7 P.M. Mayor Wanner opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Brian Nielson, Kim Pickett, Rohn Peterson, Donald Childs, Stella Hill, Michael Wanner

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Councilor Kim Pickett

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Wanner

Appointments, Recognitions, and Awarding of Bids

GVHS Swin Team- 2026 2A State Champions:

The GVHS Swim Team reported a very successful season, winning the Battle of the Paddle, the Region Championship, and the State Championship. At state, the team earned one gold medal relay, two silver relay medals, three individual silver medals, and one individual gold medal. The team had its largest roster in several years with 36 swimmers.

Team members shared that many swimmers improved significantly throughout the season and emphasized the strong team culture and support among teammates. A freshman swimmer noted it was his first year and that he had improved a lot while enjoying being part of a large, mixed boys' and girls' team.

Coach Jeremy Vincent explained the swimming scoring system and thanked the city for allowing after-hours pool access, which made longer practices possible. Council members congratulated the team and recognized Coach Jeremy for his dedication and work managing the pool and coaching the team.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Conditional Use Permit for Campground at 395 S Main Street:

Janet Hanson-Haight, who represents the Janet Joye Hanson Revokable Trust owns the Paradise Motel at 395 S. Main Street. City Administrator Dennis Marker stated that she was requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a short-term RV campground on the Trust property. The Planning Commission forwarded on a positive recommendation. Janice stated that

she would like the campground to accommodate at least 9 spots that would be connected to city utilities. Councilor Brian Nielson encouraged visitors to have street legal ATVs, and to promote the nearby mountain bike trails. Janet responded that the motel was already fully booked for upcoming bicycle events in August and September and noted that, if the proposed RV spaces were approved and completed in time, they could help accommodate additional visitors during those events.

Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Campground at 395 South Main Street; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2026-01 Rezoning 11.36 acres from Agriculture (A-1) to Residential (RR)

Mr. Bruce Christenson, owner of K.C. Farms, which is located near the east limits of Gunnison City off Center Street, requested that a portion of the farm be rezoned. The property is currently zoned Agriculture (A-1) and is being requested to be changed to Rural Residential (RR). Austin and Madee Clark addressed the council and let them know that they are wanting to build a house. The Planning Commission held a public hearing forwarded on a positive recommendation to the City Council for the rezone.

Councilor Nielson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Rezoning 11.36 acres from Agriculture (A-1) to Residential (RR); Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes

February 18th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve the minutes for February 18th, 2026, regular council meeting, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills for period ending February 26th, 2026, totaling \$65,673.61:

Councilor Childs made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending February 26th, 2026, totaling \$65,673.61, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Dennis Marker:

Dennis discussed repairing the small slide at the park. The cost would be \$2,700 for just the slide. The Council discussed the possibility of getting new playground equipment if all the grant money is awarded as expected for park improvements. The Council decided that the slide is not going to be replaced at this time. Public Works will need to remove the broken slide and provide a semi-permanent safety fix. The slide can be replaced later if funding isn't available for new equipment with the larger improvement.

Dennis noted that the city will be awarded the final \$25,000 of the 2023 CDBG ballfield improvement funding. The state had to research its own records to determine that the grant was for \$250,000, not \$225,000.

Dennis presented a report from the City Treasurer outlining the account adjustments made in February. There were 7 adjustments made totaling less than \$150.

The GVPD is helping with code enforcement cases. There are currently six code pending cases pertaining to RVs and camp trailers being used as detached accessory dwellings on properties.

The State Department of Corrections responded to the city letter notifying them that they were underbilled more than \$160,000. Additional communication will occur until we get this resolved.

Went over the accounts payable processes with the council.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Brian Nielson:

Provided an update from the Gunnison Valley Fire Department board meeting. Councilor Nielson expressed appreciation for the fire department, noting that it is currently fully staffed with 20 volunteers and that training, certifications, and professionalism remain strong. The department was recognized for doing an excellent job serving the community. He also noted that the current interlocal agreement governing the department may be deficient and recommended that the council review and update it. The existing agreement dated back to 2005 and was updated in

2009 when the fire station was built, but the 2009 document was missing page three. Because of this and other language concerns, the Mayor suggested revisiting the agreement and possibly creating or updating bylaws to ensure clarity while maintaining that the fire department remains operated by its volunteers.

Kim Pickett:

No new update from Utah Department of Transportation regarding the timeline for tree work, although Mayor Wanner had a report from a recent meeting and will forward to the council.

Discussed meeting with the local senior citizens group. A county food and nutrition supervisor had recently met with city representatives and planned to make some adjustments with the nutrition staff, but a meeting with the seniors still needed to be scheduled.

Proposed raising private funds for new Christmas decorations and suggested the city consider matching donations.

Mayor Wanner would like to focus on installing an elevator in the city building, estimated to cost about \$150,000. The elevator would allow senior groups, particularly those using the quilt space currently located in the police department, to move to the basement where a larger space was originally intended for them. Council members noted that many seniors participate in local programs, including the nutrition program, which serves more than 50 individuals.

Mayor Wanner:

Mayor Wanner provided an update on the drilling project. The drilling had reached approximately 160 feet. At that point, the crew installed casing and poured concrete around it before continuing deeper drilling. The crew expected to continue drilling with a 9¼-inch bit and anticipated reaching about 1,000 feet within eight to nine days, after which they would change equipment to continue the process. Overall, the project was reported to be progressing well.

Stella Hill:

Councilwoman Hill reported that she had no formal updates but expressed concern about water levels in the local reservoir. She noted that the reservoir had not begun filling and that very little water was currently flowing in, which was concerning for the coming season. She also referenced recent news discussions about water conservation and potential shortages. Snowpack levels in nearby mountain areas were reported to be low, contributing to concerns about limited water supply for the year.

Councilor Pickett made a motion to go into closed session Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Councilor Pickett made the motion to go into executive session The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, Councilor Nielson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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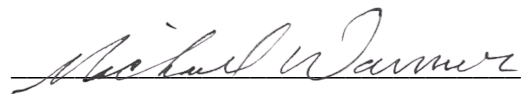
8:02 P.M. out of closed session

Adjournment:

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

Roll Call:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Wanner", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Approval Date: March 19th, 2026

Michael Wanner, Mayor

Attest:

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

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder