



City Council Meeting

April 1st, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

6 P.M. Mayor Wanner opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by City Administrator Dennis Marker

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Wanner

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Request for Support for Funk Lake Legacy Project:

Daniel Buckley Funk helped settle Manti in 1849. A builder and community leader, He constructed mills, served as town constable, and worked to strengthen the youth settlements.

Beginning in 1873, Daniel and his sons created a 75-acre lake and later a recreation area. The area later became Palisade State Park but is still often referred to as Funk's Lake and is one of Sanpete Valley's most treasured landmarks.

Business leaders, members of the Manti and Sanpete County community and Funk family are invited to help honor this remarkable pioneer. Donations will help fund a permanent legacy plaque and gazebo honoring Daniel Buckley Funk at Palisade State Park.

The council agreed that they would like to wait until the next budget year, then they will revisit it to see if they would like to donate.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2026-02 Modifying Utility Billing Procedures:

City Administrator Dennis Marker addressed the council. He let them know that the ordinance was prepared to accomplish the following efforts: To clarify utility account setup procedures by clarifying property ownership or control requirements, update requirements and procedures for new connection requests, adopt a late fee waiver provision, and institute modified water shutoff

procedures. This was discussed at the prior meeting on March 19th and passed but was presented again at the request of council. At the last meeting they discussed only letting property owners have their names on the bills and not the renters.

The council had some discussion and decided that they would like more clarification on keeping leaks separate from someone who is intentionally wasting water. They also talked about homes that are beyond city limits that would like to connect to the City water and what they would like to require.

Councilor Pickett made a motion to table Ordinance 2026-02 Modifying Utility Billing Procedures; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reconsideration of Resolution 2026-02 A resolution establishing the Fee Schedule for Gunnison City:

City Administrator Dennis Marker addressed the Council. This resolution was discussed at the prior meeting on March 19th and was voted 2-1 and was brought back to council for reconsideration. There were three proposed changes to the fee schedule:

1. Shutoff fee of \$20 was added, language is added relative to waving delinquency fees.
2. Clarification on the application of utility “base rates” Base rates are typically near-minimum rates to be charged uniformly and to cover financial obligations related to the utility system. Gunnison’s base rates do not fully reflect the necessary minimum amounts because of our tiered rate structure and having high service users that offset some revenue demands. Base rates are generally applied per serviced unit as indicated by meter sets. There have been some accounts charged multiple base rates through one meter, and others that have multiple dwellings receiving water through one meter but only charged one base rate. The proposed base rate language serves to provide clearer direction to city staff as varying development types are proposed.
3. New residential water tier. It was proposed that the current uniform water rate system be identified as the city’s “Commercial” tiered rates and that a new residential tiered rate be adopted. The change was intended to address growing demand for the city’s limited water resources, encouraging more efficient water use in summer months, and imposing higher rates on users who willingly disregard their leaks, which further wastes city resources.

The proposed rate structure mirrors the current city rates for the first 20,000 gallons. A review of all user accounts between November 2024 and October 2025 found that the average monthly water use for residential customers is just under 5,000 gallons. Looking at the average monthly billing for the same period, 99% of customers use less than 20,000 gallons, but there is an

average of 12 accounts each month that exceeds 20,000, with that average going up to 32.6 accounts between May and September. The single highest usage in a month during the study period was 333,000 due to a major leak in a home. There are currently only five accounts that have ongoing, high usage averaging more than 20,000 gallons.

Councilor Pickett made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 starting September 1st, 2026. A resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for Gunnison City; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes, Childs: Yes, Hill: No

Reconsideration of County Emergency Services Agreements Approved during the March 19th meeting:

Councilor Pickett made a motion to approve the Sanpete County Emergency Services Agreements; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes

March 19th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Pickett made a motion to approve the minutes for March 19th, 2026, regular council meeting, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills

Bills for period ending March 27th, 2026, totaling \$52,793.30:

Councilor Childs made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending March 27th, 2026, totaling \$52,793.30; Councilor Pickett seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

GVPD Chief Jason Adamson:

Went over the March 2026 statistical and chief's update.

Engineering Discussion about City Water Rights:

Kelly Chappell addressed the council on water rights; see attached.

February Financial Statements:

City Administrator Dennis Marker addressed the council. He let them know that the staff is required to provide a monthly financial statement. He went over where the City stands currently with over all expenses and revenues. He is starting to put together the budgets for next year and is planning on having something for the council to go over at the next meeting.

Dennis Marker:

CDBG hearing at 6 pm on April 15th.

UDOT is working on details with the pedestrian crossing. They wanted to know if the City would like them powder coated to match the rest of the poles on main street. The council agreed they would like them painted. JD stated that he is going to cut down the trees and poison the roots.

JD Bunnell:

Irrigation water is on

Finished drilling on the well on Sunday, it is now being logged. Everything looks good.

Valerie Andersen:

CMC application turned on. Requires 4 years of experience and 136 education hours from approved conferences.

PEHP came in and did biometrics testing for employees.

Will be gone next week at SUU for the UMCA institute and academy conference.

Attended the URS/PEHP annual employer event in Salt Lake to learn about new Roth and 401k plans.

Spoke with Eric Johnson and verified that a minimum of 3 votes is always required for Council action to be effective.

Spent a couple of days helping Mandi with the bill and newsletter. The office purchased a paper folder and envelope stuffer that will help speed up this process and she shouldn't have to assist as much.

The lion's club is taking over the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The city helped get things going this year. Valerie created flyers/handouts for the schools and helped with donations.

Councilor Pickett made the motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

9:00 P.M. Councilor Pickett made the motion to adjourn; Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Adjournment:

Roll Call:

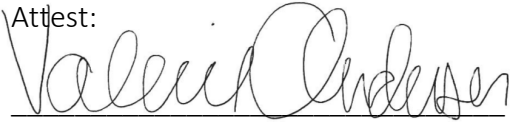
Pickett: Yes, Peterson: Yes, Childs: Yes, Hill: Yes

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Approval Date: April 15th, 2026

Michael Wanner, Mayor

Attest:

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

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder