



City Council Special Meeting

April 15th, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

6 P.M. Mayor Wanner opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Public Hearing to receive comments on the 2026 CDBG Funding for Gunnison City Sports Court Project:

Councilor Pickett made a motion to open the public hearing to receive comments on the 2026 CDBG funding for Gunnison City Sports Court Project; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

City Administrator Dennis Marker addressed the public. City Administrator Marker explained that the city is seeking \$250,000 in CDBG funding as part of a \$900,000 project to renovate the old tennis courts and skate park area. The project includes demolishing the current facility and constructing three pickleball courts and three half-court basketball facilities. Other funding sources include \$440,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and local donations from business groups and the Fourth of July auction. The city plans to use city crews for demolition in the fall, put the project out for bid in the winter, and break ground in the spring of 2027.

6:06 P.M. Councilor Stella Hill arrived

Public Comment

Carlton Jensen: Expressed concern over the \$900,000 estimated cost, suggesting it was too high compared to similar projects in Salina and Ephraim. He argued that a skate park or modular pump track would better serve the youth than pickleball courts, noting that previous survey data showed strong support for maintaining a skate facility.

William Jensen (3rd Grade Student): Commented that he and other students were unhappy about the removal of the skate ramps. He stated that the skate park was a "perfect place" to ride bikes and suggested the city consider a pump track like the one in Salina.

Council Discussion: Councilor Hill asked about the feasibility and cost of Salina's pump track. There was a brief debate between council members regarding the utilization of existing pickleball and basketball courts at the high school versus the need for new city facilities.

6:21 P.M. Councilor Childs made a motion to close the public hearing to receive comments on the 2026 CDBG funding for Gunnison City Sports Court Project; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

6:22 P.M. Adjournment:

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

Roll Call:

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



Michael Wanner, Mayor

Approval Date: May 20th, 2026

Attest:



Angela Leatherwood, City Recorder