



City Council Meeting

April 15th, 2026

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

6:23 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 City Administrator Dennis Marker

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Wanner

Public Forum:

No public comment

Sewer Lagoons Treatment Services:

Garrick Willden with Jones and DeMille Engineering discussed efforts to dry and clean cell #1 at the sewer lagoons. This effort is causing cell #2 to be overwhelmed. One solution is to have a special material injected into cell #2, which helps add oxygen and improve the environment for healthy bacteria. Wastewater Innovations is the only company that provides the materials. Centerfield will participate in the cost of the application (they have credit with Gunnison for sewer expenses, which will be reduced).

Councilor Peterson made the motion to approve the Sewer Lagoons Treatment Services to Wastewater Innovations for a \$4,000 one-time setup and shock treatment fee and a \$4,000 monthly service fee; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Appointments, Recognitions, and Awarding of Bids

2026 Weed Control Services:

Councilor Pickett noted that he has a potential conflict of interest in this matter as his son was a bidder for weed control contract.

Administrator Marker reviewed the bids that were submitted and recommended the bid be awarded to Pickett farms as the low bidder.

Councilor Nielson made the motion to award the 2026 Weed Control Services to Pickett Farms for \$3,305; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Gunnison City Water Lease for 2026 Irrigation Season:

Administrator Marker reviewed the bids received from various farmers for the city's available water.

Councilor Pickett made the motion to award the Gunnison City Water Lease for 2026 Irrigation Season to Diamond Farm (\$8,500 for 112-acre feet) and Clark Bown (\$4,500 for 36 Shares); Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Items

Ron Christensen Request:

Ron Christensen requested occupancy of his building before landscaping was completed due to weather delays. The Council granted an extension until June 1, 2026, for the landscaping to be finished, provided he submits receipts for the plants and contracted work.

Councilor Pickett made the motion to allow a certificate of occupancy if a separate agreement is made between Ron and the City and the landscaping is completed by June 1, 2026; Councilor Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

UDOT Agreement for Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at 100 S. Main:

Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve the UDOT Agreement for Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at 100 S Main at a city cost of \$3,500 for powder coating the poles; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 2026-04 Gunnison Valley Fire Department Interlocal Agreement

Amendments:

Mayor Wanner discussed recent deliberations with community representatives on the Fire Board and the desire to bring the current interlocal agreement into compliance with state code changes. The Fire Board would act as the joint administrator for the department while Gunnison will continue to serve as the financial arm.

Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Gunnison Valley Department Interlocal Agreement Amendments; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

FY 2026-2027 Budget Preparation:

Dennis Marker presented a rough draft of the budget, noting there is currently no plan for a property tax increase. Significant items discussed included a potential \$2 monthly utility fee increase for dispatch services, a \$1.50 to \$2 increase for sanitation due to fuel costs, and major grant-funded projects like the Innovation Park expansion and the Sport Court project. The Council also discussed the need for a city hall elevator and future pool roof repairs.

Gary Keddington discussed the police department budget, mentioning that while no new vehicle is budgeted this year, they intend to start a vehicle reserve account with \$33,000.

Dennis Marker reported on the status of various grants, including the Innovation Park expansion and the Sport Court project, and reviewed departmental budget increases related to insurance and training. Congratulated Valerie Andersen on receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk certification, which includes a 3% wage increase.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2026-02 Modifying Utility Billing and Enforcement Procedures:

Manager Marker noted that a shutoff process was added to the ordinance if a user had a leak. Other previously discussed provisions remained the same. Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 Modifying Utility Billing and Enforcement Procedures; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

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

Minutes

March 18, 2026, Special Meeting with Centerfield City Council:

Councilor Childs made the motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting with Centerfield City Council; Councilor Pickett seconded the motion.

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

April 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Pickett noted that the minutes showed him making a motion and seconding it. That needed to be corrected. With that change, Councilor Pickett made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting; Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

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

November 5, 2025, CDBG Public Hearing (Amended):

Administrator Marker noted that the minutes did not include an adjournment time, which needs to be included for CDBG funding. Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2025, CDBG Public Hearing (Amended); Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

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

Bills for period ending April 10, 2026, totaling \$337,408.63:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending April 10, 2026, totaling \$337,408.63, Councilor Childs seconded the motion.

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Treasurer Report: Mr. Marker provided a report about billing adjustments during the previous months and current payment plans for delinquent accounts.

Dennis Marker: The Architectural Review Committee reviewed plans for the new Dollar General store. Still need to address Technical Review Committee comments.

An application was made for development of the old Elementary School Site, which will require looking at the city's development standards. The Planning Commission is weighing code amendment/rezoning options vs use of existing code.

The Council will be attending the Utah League of Cities and Town conference in St George April 22-24.

There were 13 accounts that were underbilled between 2023-2024. The correctional facility is one of those and has agreed to pay their underbilled amount of nearly \$100,000. This is an unanticipated revenue for the year. The Public Works department would like to use the funds to purchase a new utility truck for the department. The Council consented to looking at truck options.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Kim Pickett: Raised concerns about people allowing their dogs to run around town. Manager Marker noted that a code enforcement action was recently started because a homeowner was allowing their dogs to bark during the night.

Rohn Peterson: Motorcross will not be returning to the 4th of July event this year. Other options are being considered.

Adjournment:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15



Approval Date: May 20th, 2026

Michael Wanner, Mayor

Attest:



Angela Leatherwood, City Recorder