

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 01, 2017
REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Louise Barnes, Dan'l Lindsay, Guy Graham, Marlene Stowe and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Greg Allen and City Attorney Barry Huntington were excused.

Also present were Garfield County Sheriff Danny Perkins, Deputy Jared Dunton, Leslie Venuti, Byron Ellis, Sheridan Wilder, Lawrence Barnes, Elaine Lott, Victory Crawford and Robert McElaney.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

There were no personal comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council member Lindsay made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Stowe, Lindsay and Barnes voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2017 MEETING

Council member Stowe made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting as written. Council member Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Barnes, Graham and Stowe voting aye.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

Council member Stowe said there was no Planning and Zoning meeting last week so there are no updates.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF DANNY PERKINS – UPDATE

Sheriff Perkins presented the Council with the Deputies activity log sheets. Sheriff Perkins said it has slowed down. Sheriff Perkins explained Bryce Canyon numbers are also down from a year

ago.

Sheriff Perkins said the shooting in Henrieville is in the court process. Sheriff Perkins said the suspect is a juvenile.

Sheriff Perkins said there have been a few burglary's in the County. Sheriff Perkins said there was a dog complaint on the website tip line that he gave to Deputy Eric Dunton.

Elaine Lott asked Sheriff Perkins if he has heard anything about putting signs at the trail heads in the Escalante Staircase National Monument. Sheriff Perkins explained he has been in contact with the Monument about the signs but it will take time. Elaine Lott asked about getting assistance from the Travel Council since they are the ones promoting this area. Sheriff Perkins said that is a great idea and any assistance will help. Sheriff Perkins said he feels it is our moral duty to keep the people safe that hike our monument.

LESLIE VENUTI - WATER METERS

Ms. Venuti said she is selling property in the County located on Center Street by Sharol Bernardo. Mrs. Venuti explained there is 160 acres owned by one family and the prospective buyer wants to split the property into two parcels and build a home on each parcel. Mrs. Venuti said she is asking if there is a possibility the City will give a meter to each parcel. Mrs. Venuti explained the party wanting to purchase the property want to make sure they can purchase a meter before they go forward. Council member Lindsay asked Mrs. Venuti if she is asking for a confirmation letter. Mrs. Venuti said she is asking if it is an adequate possibility they will be granted a water meter for each parcel. Council member Lindsay asked how long it will be before they build the homes. Mrs. Venuti said she realizes the City has a policy of building within one year of purchasing a meter. Mrs. Venuti asked if the stipulation of one year is in writing and when the year starts. City Recorder Steed said the time starts after the meter is approved. Council member Barnes asked Council member Graham if the line out Center Street can handle another two meters. Council member Graham said the line can handle the meters, but the City cannot promise the meters. Mrs. Venuti said she would like the City to look at in the future accepting a \$1000.00 retainer for a meter with a time limit and if the land owners do not preform, they will lose the meter and the \$1,000.00. Mayor Torgersen said she will talk to City Attorney Huntington about

Mrs. Venuti's proposal. Mayor Torgersen said she would also like to look at the one-year requirement and change it to two years. This item was discussed at length.

GARFIELD MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE FUNDRAISING DINNER

City Recorder Steed explained this is the annual fundraising dinner for Garfield Memorial Health Care. City Recorder Steed said the City has purchased a table in the past and this year it is \$200.00 for eight people. **Council member Barnes made a motion to purchase a table for the Garfield Memorial Health Care Fundraising Dinner. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Graham, Stowe and Barnes**

voting aye.

RECORDERS CONFERENCE

City Recorder Steed explained this is the annual Recorders Conference. City Recorder Steed said this Conference gives her a lot of training and hours towards her certification. **Council member Stowe made a motion to send City Recorder Steed to the Recorders Conference. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Barnes, Stowe and Graham voting aye.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Administrative Department had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen said the City has a meeting this Thursday with the Community Impact Board on the Senior /Multi-Purpose Center grant/loan funding. Mayor Torgersen said there has been a lot of time and preparation on the plans for the new center. Mayor Torgersen explained, if we get the funding, it will be awarded October 01, 2017.

Mayor Torgersen said the stage in the park is almost done and looking good.

Mayor Torgersen thanked all the volunteers who helped with the 24th of July celebration. Mayor Torgersen said the Car Show and Arts Festival are coming up. Mayor Torgersen said it takes everyone to pull off events.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREG ALLEN

Council member Allen was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUISE BARNES

Council member Barnes had nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUY GRAHAM

Council member Graham had nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe had nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBER DAN'L LINDSAY

Council member Lindsay had nothing to report.

UNPAID BILLS

Council member Stowe made a motion to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Graham, Lindsay and Barnes voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

**Council member Stowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.
Council member Graham second the motion. Motion carried all in favor.**

Stephanie Steed / City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 08/15/2017