

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.
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 Dan'l Lindsay, Louise Barnes, Guy Graham, Greg Allen and City Treasurer Debbie Allen. City Attorney Barry Huntington, City Recorder Stephanie Steed and Council member Marlene Stowe were excused.

Also present were Bill Weppner, Margie Weppner, Kaden Figgins, Falyn Owens, Dana Waggoner, Lawrence Barnes, Steve Witzdam, Fred Spencer, Sage Robinson, Suzanne Catlett, Denise Olson, Louise Eutropius and Alex Steckel.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council member Lindsay made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Barnes, Lindsay, Allen and Graham voting aye.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Torgersen opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2019 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Five County Association in which Escalante City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$813,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Mayor Torgersen read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Mayor Torgersen indicated that in the past Escalante City has received 7 grants, which include Water, Wastewater, Community Facilities (Senior Center) and the Fire station. The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which

projects Escalante City has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. Mayor Torgersen then opened the meeting up to further suggestions from the audience.

BILL WEPPNER

Mr. Weppner said he is a Escalante City Volunteer Fireman and is here to reinforce what he said at the last meeting. Mr. Weppner said the City needs a new fire engine. Mr. Weppner explained every time the pager goes off the Firemen and Firewomen respond and put not only their lives and job security at risk, but also the lives and property of those they are responding to protect. Mr. Weppner said they are volunteers and receive no payments for the risk they take, but they do need to have safe and reliable equipment to work with while fighting fires. Mr. Weppner said the Escalante fire trucks they have now are old. Mr. Weppner said he believes the old Mac truck was purchased in the 1980s. Mr. Weppner explained the pumper truck cannot be certified. Mr. Weppner said the E1 fire truck is the primary truck and it is dangerous to drive when they are called out to help other communities, which they are called to Tropic, Boulder areas and Highway 12 accidents. Mr. Weppner said Escalante Firemen go to all towns in Garfield County when called out. Mr. Weppner said the Escalante Firemen are also called to auto accidents and are responsible for any airport accidents. Mr. Weppner said, Mr. Spencer can tell you, the trip off the Head of the Rocks, loaded with water, is dangerous. Mr. Weppner said we need modern and up to date equipment. Mr. Weppner said this is not a shiny new toy that is needed. Mr. Weppner said the new fire engine would have an aerial delivery system to fight fire from above the fire. Mr. Weppner said this type of fire truck will have a 75 foot extendable ladder system and would enable the fireman to reach up drive ways. Mr. Weppner explained Escalante Fire Department now services Main Canyon and they are unable to get up the driveways to allow them to fight the fires. Mr. Weppner said he and others would like to see a new fire engine put at the top of the list. Mr. Weppner said he has been in contact with Nate Weinburg and is currently working on a grant. Mr. Weppner said this will not only protect the Escalante Firemen, but it will also protect your lives. Mr. Weppner said he would like to see the new fire truck be at the top of the list.

Mayor Torgersen thanked Mr. Weppner and asked if there is any more comments.

DANA WAGGONER

Mrs. Waggoner asked if the City has a list to apply for funding. Mrs. Waggoner asked if the City knows what funding they are looking at. Mayor Torgersen said the City has a Capital Improvement List which we will go off of and it is available to the Public. Mayor Torgersen said the City has to look at other sources for other funding that is available. Mayor Torgersen said the funds the City will be asking for will be a project from our one year Capital Improvements List.

SUZANNE CATLETT

Mrs. Catlett asked if the \$800,000 would all be available to the City. Mayor Torgersen said the City would only get a portion of it.

There were no other questions or comments.

Council member Barnes made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. Council member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Barnes, Lindsay, Graham and Allen voting aye.

DECISION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Council member Lindsay asked if there is funding available for a new fire truck, who would collect the funds. Mayor Torgersen said the City will have to collect funds from various grants and this will give the City that ability.

Council member Barnes said she feels the fire truck is a high priority.

Council member Lindsay made a motion to pursue an application for a new fire truck. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Graham, Allen and Barnes voting aye.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

There were no personal comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 04, 2018 MEETING

Council member Lindsay made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 04, 2018 meeting as written. Council member Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Graham, Barnes and Allen voting aye.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

CODE 4 DEVELOPMENT – REMODEL - 39 WEST MAIN STREET

Council member Barnes said this projects meets all the requirements and Planning and Zoning recommends the Council approves the project. The overhang was discussed. Council member Barnes said the overhang would help with the ice control on that side of the street. **Council member Barnes made a motion to approve the Municipal Project Approval Form for Code 4 Development. Council member Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Allen, Barnes, Graham and Lindsay voting aye.**

**ESCALANTE OUTFITTERS – REMODEL- PATIO/SHINGLE ROOF/ DINING PATIO
310 WEST MAIN STREET**

Council Barnes said this project meets all the requirements and Planning and Zoning recommends the Council approves the project. **Council member Barnes made a motion to approve the Municipal Project Approval Form for Escalante Outfitters. Council member**

Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Barnes, Lindsay, Graham and Allen voting aye.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

FALYN OWENS – GARFIELD COUNTY TOURISM YEAR END REPORT

Ms. Owens presented the Year End Review Report to the Council (attached). Ms. Owens said the Vacation Rentals are coming in compliance with the ordinances. Mr. Owens said Garfield County Travel Council awarded \$44,00.00 to Escalante City Events and December 20, 2018 is the last date to apply for next year's funding.

Ms. Owens said that Dana Waggoner and Suzanne Catlett have been serving on the board. Ms. Owens said Suzanne Catlett's term is ending and Scott Roundy will be replacing her.

Ms. Owens introduced Kaden Figgins as the new Garfield County Economic Development Director. Mr. Figgins said he excited to move forward and will be available to help where needed.

Mayor Torgersen thanked Ms. Owens and Mr. Figgins for their service.

GREG ALLEN – AIRPORT GATE

Council member Allen asked Fred Spencer to present the information on the remotes for the Airport Grants. Mr. Spencer said the new automatic gate only have two remotes. Mr. Spencer said there are many more needed for emergency services to enter, such as, firemen, ambulance, policemen and City employees. Mr. Spencer said ten more remotes would cover this need. Mr. Spencer explained, if we get these right now, the City will save \$200.00 to have the remotes programed. Mr. Spencer said the cost of ten more remotes will be \$250.00. This item was discussed at length. **Council member Allen made a motion to purchase ten remotes for the airport gate in the amount of \$250. Council member Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Graham, Lindsay, Allen and Barnes voting aye.**

RESOLUTION 2018-10 – AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH THE UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRUST

Mayor Torgersen explained this is an agreement with Utah Local Government Trust that needs to be passed as a resolution by the Escalante City Council. **Council member Lindsay made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-10. Council member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lindsay, Barnes, Allen and Graham voting aye.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Administrative Department had nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREG ALLEN

Council member Allen said the Airport Fence is 70% completed. Council member Allen said the fence is a treated wood. Council member Lindsay asked if the cattle guard will be removed. Council member Allen said it will.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUISE BARNES

Council member Barnes said she is working on estimates for bathrooms, new door and etc. for the Old Gym.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUY GRAHAM

Council member Graham had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe was not present at said meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER DAN'L LINDSAY

Council member Lindsay had nothing to report at this time.

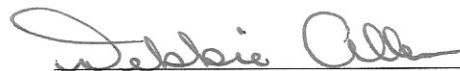
UNPAID BILLS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

Council member Lindsay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Council member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.



Debbie Allen / City Treasurer

Date minutes approved _____