

Gunnison City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 12:00 PM
Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center
Gunnison, UT 84634

Present: Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Stella Hill, Justen Mellor, Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jensen, City Treasurer Jodi Henline, City Employees Donald Childs, Wyatt Scott, Luis Cedudo and Carolyn Childs, Ensign Engineers Kelly Chappell and Tyson Jewkes

Presiding: Mayor Lori Nay

Invocation: Water/Sewer Manager Donald Childs

Discussion and Proposed Approval of bids for Gunnison Valley Softball/Baseball Complex improvements – Joint Project with Centerfield City – Mayor Nay, Ensign Engineering Tyson Jewkes and Kelly Chappell.

Mayor Nay started the meeting thanking everyone for working hard and also the water department for working on the waterline for the waste water project. She then turned the time over to Tyson Jewkes and Kelly Chappell to inform the Council about the bids that were received from companies to complete the improvements. There were four companies that entered bids for the improvements for the Gunnison Valley Softball/Baseball Complex. They were Barton Excavation, JRL Contractors, Hayward and Reeves, and Valley Builders. Valley Builders was the apparent low bidder and would be subcontracting with RJ Construction for the concrete and Ecolife for all of the fencing at the complex. Valley Builders were the low bidder at just over \$300K, which was over the scope of the project. In meeting with the committee as well as the Mayor, there were some things that were taken out of the project and with that brought the price down to \$293,097.02. Ensign Engineering recommended that Valley Builders be awarded the bid and to move forward.

The contract has a start date of May 17, 2021 and that gives the contractors time to get things lined up so that things run smoothly. With activities with end of the school year, it seems right to wait until school lets out and then get the construction under way. Work has already started with Donald moving the water line and also the vaults for the water valves. Councilmember Mellor asked if there would be any purchases of materials before May 17th so that things could be kept on schedule? The answer was yes and that once the bid was awarded, money would be allocated for the purchasing of materials. The contract and paperwork with CDBG for the State would need to be completed before any money would be released. Mayor Nay reported that Robert Andersen had tested positive for COVID-19 and was not at the meeting. He was doing well and had only light symptoms. Also, Shawn Crane had other meetings and was not present either.

Councilmember Mellor made the motion to accept the bid for Valley Builders to work on the improvements for the Gunnison Valley Softball/Baseball Complex. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion and there was unanimous vote.

Discussion and proposed approval of an additional flag for Main Street Park – Councilmember Justen Mellor

Mayor Nay turned time over to Councilmember Mellor to speak about the need for another flag at the Main Street Park. He mentioned that as he drives around to different cities, he always checks out the flags that are flown. He takes pride in the fact the Gunnison City has their flags in good shape and that they are in such good condition. The city has three flags at the moment and would like to get another flag so that there can be a rotation of flags every three months. The city could get another flag from Colonial Flag in Sandy, Utah for the price of \$650.00. After the last Veteran Day Celebration, there were many comments on how nice it was to see a well-maintained flag flying over the city. There was a discussion about the Colonial Flag program that will ship a flag to the city and replace any worn out or damaged flags. Councilmember Mellor said that he would check more into it and see the price to participate in that program.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to purchase an additional flag for the Main Street Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mellor. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Proposed Approval of Christmas Bonuses for City Employees and Council/Mayor – May Nay

The Mayor then brought up item of giving a Christmas Bonus to the City Employees and Council/Mayor for the year. It was purposed that a larger bonus be given this year due to the pandemic and not being able to have a Christmas Party. There were two options. Full-time employees receive a bonus of \$250, Part-Time employees receive a bonus of \$150 and the Council and Mayor get a bonus of \$250 as well. The Court Judge and City Attorney get \$100. The Second Option was Full-Time Employees receive \$300; Part Time receive \$200 with the Council/Mayor getting \$300 as well. It was decided that the first option was the one to go with. Carolyn Childs asked about Derek Roberts being included in the bonus. He had not gotten one in the time he had been with the City.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the Option 1 Christmas Bonuses for City Employees, Council/Mayor and Judge and City Attorney. Councilmember Mellor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Proposed renewal of annual terms as well as approval of paychecks for Planning & Zoning Commission members – Mayor Nay

There were several members of the Planning and Zoning Commission that had terms ending at the end of the 2020 year. They were Shane Knudsen, Jay Clayton, and Janelle Overly that had her term end at the end of 2019. It was proposed by Councilmember Taylor that the council meet with these members to ask them to continue on the Commission or to thank them for their service and then to look for other citizens to take their place. The Mayor said that she would contact them individually.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to renew the annual terms of the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission and to pay the commission for the year. Councilmember Mellor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Proposed Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, Oct 7, 2020

There were no minutes to approve due to technical problems. The Mayor reminded the City Recorder Steven Jenson that the minutes needed to be done due to law.

Proposed Approval of Bills and Adjustments

There was a question on a bad check that the city paid to Gunnison Market. We make the payment for the court. City Treasurer Jodi Henline asked about the Adjustments part of the approval of bills and adjustments. It was reported to her that any adjustments to the billing needed to be brought to the attention of the council. It was requested by Councilmember Taylor to have the department on the bills.

Councilmember Mellor made the motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

City Business and Future Items

G-Hill: Councilmember Mellor Reported that there was a donation of \$20,500.00 received to help with the project to light the G on the hill. There had been a thought of putting up solar panels to light the G, however, with the vandalism that happened a couple months ago; there choice to have it hard wired to a box was better. There will be a presentation to the Council either January 6th or the 20th for that donation. Councilmember Hill stated that she had a few extra power poles that the city could use to help bring the cost of running power down.

CIB: Mayor Nay reported that the CIB grant was moving forward and that with some changes in the grant process, each city would need to meet with a representative of 6 county 30 days before a decision was made. If the city wanted to get the funding to start the project around March, things needed to move along. There would need to be a public hearing so that things could be moved forward.

Dr. Kevin Reber use of conference room: Mayor Nay asked the council if there was any discussion of payment for Dr. Reber to use the City Hall to hold appointments for his patients. Was it a community service to help the senior citizens or was it solely to benefit his practice? She would speak to Dr. Reber around the first of the year and make decision on an amount to charge each month.

Tree Trimming Main Street: Councilmember Taylor reported that he is in contact with several businesses to help with trimming of trees along main street. There are several trees that need to be trimmed back due to branches growing around power lines. He wanted someone from the city to work with the business that would be chosen to pick up the limbs that would be cut and then the haul them off. The entire price would be under \$1,000.

Martha Larsen Funding Approval for New Apartments: City Recorder Jenson reported that Martha Larsen had contacted him to state that she had received her Federal Funding to proceed in building the proposed new apartments. She also was wanting to know the next step in the process. She was informed that an application was needed. The council and Mayor then proceeded to discuss what could be done to ensure that these new apartments did not become run down like her other apartments. There might be a need to relook at the Good Neighbor Policy in the City Code. It was asked about Casey Petersen and his progress in developing his piece of property. There was nothing that has progressed further than the planning phase.

Adjourn

1:03 p.m. Adjourn



Steven Jensen, City Recorder



Lori Nay, Mayor



Approval Date