

**Gunnison City Council Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center**  
**Gunnison, UT 84634**

**Present:** Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Robert Andersen, Shawn Crane, Stella Hill, and Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jenson, and citizens Blake Donaldson and Tawna Young

**Presiding:** Mayor Lori Nay

**Invocation:** Council-member Stella Hill

**Public Comment**

No one in the audience requested public comment time.

**Discussion and proposed approval of New Business / Day Care Business License – Tawna Young**

Tawna Young reported that she is living at 175 N Main Street and is in the process of getting her State Licensing for a Day Care Center. She was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Home Occupation permit and was now coming before the City Council to get approval for her business license.

**Councilmember Hill made the motion to approve the Business License for Tawna Young to open a Day Care Center. Council-member Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

**Discussion of possible Food Truck area near City Park – Max Christiansen**

Max was not in attendance at the meeting. The item was put on hold for another time.

**Discuss and possible approval of COVID – 19 Relief Fund Disbursement and Incentive Program from CARES ACT Funding for the benefit of negatively impacted local businesses in partnership with Sanpete County – Mayor Nay**

The Mayor had spoken with Kevin Christiansen with Sanpete County Economic Development and they will have access to almost \$2.1 million that will be used for grants to help small businesses that were negatively impacted by the pandemic. They will be sending out 400 letters to explain the grant process and how to apply. The County will be overseeing the grant process and awarding the businesses that show they have been impacted by COVID – 19 to help pay operating costs of getting back on their feet and working. There will also be cities through out the county that will be participating in also contributing COVID funds to help these businesses. The Mayor suggested that of the \$300,000 that the city is getting from the State of Utah, the council look at what they can allocate to help businesses within the city of Gunnison.

Councilmember Hill asked if this would also help home businesses as well. The Mayor stated that it would be for any business within Sanpete County. They can go to SanpeteCounty.com to look at the process and to apply. They would need to show what help they have already received and what they still need help with to become whole. Council-member Taylor asked if the funds the City had received was some of the same money the County received. The Mayor reported that the money was separate, and we could help the County out with some of the money the City has. There was a discussion about updating the electronic and video equipment for the Council Room, as well as cleaning products for the pool to sanitize it for use. The funding needs to be spent by December 30, 2020 and reported by December 4, 2020.

**Discussion for Silk Flowers and Plants being taken from the Cemetery – Council-member Stella Hill**

Council-member Hill was approached by Sharon Meacham and reported that some silk flowers had been taken from Rhonda's grave. There was a discussion of what could be done to prevent or discourage people from taking the flowers or plants from the graves in the cemetery. Trail cameras could be put up to see if they could get any pictures of anyone in the act. Donald Childs had told Councilmember Hill that he could also lock the gates to keep people from driving through the cemetery at night. Councilmember Andersen reported that he noticed that employees of the Christensen Arms and ACT buildings walk around the cemetery and that is a big help in keeping an eye on what is going on. It was mentioned that the bathrooms are locked in the evening and that also helps keep down the traffic coming to the cemetery to give opportunities for things to be taken. Council-member Taylor reminding the Council that the City is not responsible for the loss of anything that is placed on the graves in the cemetery.



There are signs posted stating that the City takes no responsibility for any lost or stolen items. Councilmember Crane asked if there was a way the Prison could try and keep an eye on the cemetery from the guard towers. It was stated that they do keep an eye out during the day. Putting up a sign to let people know not to take things from the graves as well as a camera on the building pointing out to the different views of the cemetery would be good to help with the problem. Councilmember Hill also mentioned that the light on the flagpole next to the entrance was out. She had spoken with Donald and the light was out and he would get that fixed.

#### **Discussion of software with updating and improving the manner City Council Agenda is sent and viewed online – City Recorder Steven Jensen**

The trial period for the city to try out the software was the month of September and October 2020 and it was free. There was a online website that the agenda and supporting documentation was linked and sent to the City Council members to view online. The invoices and adjustments were available to view beforehand as well. There are templates that are available on the site to customize the agenda for any of the committees. The price monthly to have the software is \$50 and we can pay monthly or annually with a discount. There is also an option to digitize the former minutes and agendas to put on the server for future search when needed. There is the option to search so if a certain topic is being looked for it can be done quick and easy Council members did report that they did like the opportunity to see the invoices a head of the Council Meeting.

Councilmember Crane suggested that the option of paying for more then 12 months to get a discount and to use the COVID-19 money to pay. The rest of the Council was in agreement of that suggestion. The biggest advantage of having the agenda and list of invoices to be paid online was that the Council was able to look at them before the meeting and not be distracted from the other items needing to be discussed. Any invoices that were needing to be paid that were not online before Tuesday at noon before the meeting would be brought and looked at the Council Meeting that Wednesday.

#### **Proposed Approval of Bills and Adjustments**

**Council-member Crane made the motion to approve the bills and adjustments. Council-member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

#### **City Business and Future Items**

**Streetlighting** – Council-member Taylor reported the project to upgrade the city streetlights was getting close. There was a rebate on one of the invoices from Rocky Mountain Power of \$2,400. Things are on pace to get things moving and to have a grant of Rocky Mountain Power to pay 75% of the cost to update to energy efficient streetlighting. The City would then need to pay the remaining 25%.

**United We March** – The Mayor reported that Councilmember Mellor was not at the meeting due to him organizing and preparing for the United We March celebration for 9/11. For the celebration in the park, Donald would be getting the sanitization stations so that there would be options for participants to social distance as well has stay safe. Flags and the stage would be set up on September 10<sup>th</sup> and everything would be ready for September 11<sup>th</sup>. It would be a two day event with a run in the morning and a parade down main street from 300 south up to 300 north ending at the park.

**Rodeo Grounds** – Councilmember Crane mentioned that he had been approached about using the rodeo grounds for personal use. He had spoken with Donald about getting it cleaned up by spraying the weeds as well as disking and raking the weeds after they were killed. It was better to use the facilities than let them sit and not be used. Councilmember Hill asked if there was drinking water up there and it was mentioned that there is a water connection at the rodeo grounds.

**Pool Sign** – Councilmember Hill asked if Councilmember Crane was over the pool. He stated he was and Councilmember Hill stated that she noticed that the sign by the Riverwalk on main street still had the notice of “swinning” up.

**Utah Rural Summit** – Councilmember Hill asked how she was able to go to the summit on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Nay reported she had an extra ticket and would be going down to Cedar City the morning of to attend. It was decided that Councilmember Hill and Mayor Nay would go to the summit.

**Sewer Problem** – Councilmember Hill asked if a decision was going to be made on employing a company to check the sewer lines with sonic equipment or continue to have Twin D come and clean a quarter of the city sewer lines each time. Councilmember Andersen reported that it would cost more money to do that and plan to just to continue as is. The manner in the way the lines are cleaned now is that a camera is sent down each line that is cleaned and checked for any blockage.

Citizen Blake Donaldson commented that if the city was big and did not get to clean all the city sewer lines within 5 years like Gunnison City maybe it would make sense to go with another company.

Councilmember Andersen gave an update with a future item for the update of the Sewer Lagoon in conjunction with Centerfield City. He and Donald went to visit the sewer system in Cedar City, and they liked the equipment they are using the Lakeside Screen. The prison will be putting in a screen on their facility so that there is less material going into the lagoon that is needed.

**The CDBG Update** – The Mayor reported that she is still working with the ball field committee to make sure everything is moving smoothly and that both Gunnison and Centerfield Cities are putting together an environmental review so that the bidding process could take place and the construction can get started as soon as possible.

**UDOT Project**- UDOT has stalled the project on Hwy 89 due to a decision not being able to be made as to where to put the sign that shows motorist where directions for Salina, and Manti and for the Pedestrian Crossing. Councilmember Andersen stated that UDOT has had another project of putting in a round about just north of Manti as you are coming into town and that has slowed down all other projects in the County.

**Pressurized Irrigation**- Councilmember Taylor issued a thanks to the Council for help in getting out the word on the restrictions on the pressurized irrigation to the community and helping to answer questions as they have arisen. The schedule for the restriction is working and the pond is still full. The need to get the word out for people to close their faucets and then when Donald is pressurizing the system, it would go faster.

Councilmember Andersen said that there was a problem on the east side of town up on the hill that there is never enough pressure to water lawns during the two days they can water. His sprinkler system has not been able to work due to the amount of water being used during the time frames. The farms on the east side of town are not attached to the water system, as they are on a separate system and do not affect the pressure to the city. It was found that there was a water leak that Donald had fixed and that in the process he had plugged the line and when he fixed it there was pressure. The idea was floated that there might need to be a different schedule to get a day during the weekend to have solely for certain areas that do not get pressure. It was decided to keep the schedule of two days a week for the east and west side of the city.

There was a discussion about the extra water coming out of Peacock well and the rights for Clair Otten and what the city could do to update the water collection system in getting a bigger reservoir to hold more water for city use. The Mayor suggested that the city might want to look at the capacity for the city in the water system and what can be done to better that. It was also talked about a processing plant coming to the city of Centerfield. They might have the capacity and the Mayor mentioned that they were wanting Gunnison City to help provide water. Mayor Nay was not sure if it was in the best interest of the City and it would need to be explored.

### **Adjourn**

**Council-member Hill made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

**9:15 p.m. Adjourn**

  
Steven Jenson, City Recorder

  
Lori Nay, Mayor

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Approval Date