

Gunnison City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 7:00 PM
Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center
Gunnison, UT 84634

Present: Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Shawn Crane, Stella Hill, Justen Mellor, and Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jenson, Dusty Bishop with Ensign Engineering, Marci Childs Owner of Childs Play Daycare, Casey Dyreng Gunnison Valley Hospital Board, Joined by Zoom: Zach Leavitt from Six County Association of Governments, Councilmember Justen Mellor. Citizens Debbie Greener, and Jerolyn Young

Presiding: Mayor Lori Nay

Invocation: Councilmember Stella Hill

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Discussion and Possible Approval of survey for property lines for 391 South Main Street (Childs Play Learning Center) – Dusty Bishop from Ensign Engineering

Dusty Bishop from Ensign Engineering began the discussion by informing the Council that a piece of the property that belongs to Childs Play Learning Center was not included on the City and County Plat Maps. He had been asked to complete a boundary survey to the property for Marci Childs who is the owner of Childs Play Learning Center and was in attendance. It was explained that adding in the missing piece of property that would throw off the other properties going up Main street to 300 South. Mayor Lori Nay explained that it was know by the City of the need to survey the area and to update the maps. Dusty then showed the Council the changes that he had made on the survey maps that he had brought for the Council to view.

7:25 p.m Dusty Bishop and Marci Childs left.

Gunnison Valley Hospital Report – GV Hospital Board member Casey Dyreng

Casey Dyreng started by thanking the City Council and the Mayor for letting him come and to report as to the health of the Hospital. He mentioned that in Gunnison as well as most rural area hospitals there been many challenges and obstacles that these hospitals have had to overcome to manage and spend funds over the past year. He reported that Gunnison Hospital has had clean audits over the years and that he has confidence in the administration and the employees to give the best care and to manage the day to day affairs in the best interests of the public they serve. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, traffic with patients coming to the hospital had been down with most surgeries not being performed. Revenue during that time had been down 40%, with surgeries and ER visits being discouraged as well as doctor visits and lab work

There has be a new normal and while this pandemic continues it is not known what that new normal might be. As of 2019, before the pandemic hit, there were 18 rural hospitals around the United States that closed due to decline in patients or budget cuts. Already in 2020 there could possibly be 20 rural hospitals that could shut down. One of the good things about Gunnison Valley Hospital is that most of the money earned by the hospital is not given to investors; it can be invested back into technologies for the betterment of the hospital and the local residents that the hospital serves. The hospital does have vaccines and there is a list that the public can sign up for to make sure that they get vaccinated. The goal is to get as many of the public vaccinated by the end of April.

Casey Dyreng then asked for any questions from the Council at this time. Councilmember Crane asked about the changes the hospital had made with the taking over of the medical clinic for Dwight Inouye? It was discussed that the hospital did buy out the clinic and that the employees would be working for the hospital. Councilmember Stella Hill asked about the retirement plans of the employees and Casey was not sure of the particulars but that they would be taken care of in the future. It was discussed of a new doctor that Dr. Inouye had been talking to that is finishing up medical school and then would be coming to Gunnison to begin his practice. In the meantime, Wade Anderson who is a PA would be running the office with the help of Dwight's son Jordan who will be the overseeing doctor.

Mayor Nay commended the Hospital on being a great community partner for the City, and the things they support and donate to the area as well. Councilmembers Hill, and Crane gave their comments of support to the hospital and for it being in the area.

Discussion and Possible Approval of resolution 2021-2 Hazard Mitigation Planning – Zach Leavitt, Six County AOG and Mayor Lori Nay

Zach Leavitt joined the meeting by zoom and presented the resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Planning that Six County had been working with FEMA to help out the six-county area for any flooding or wild fires. This would allow the 49 communities within the six-county area to have access to funding from the federal government by showing ways that the communities are mitigating flood problem areas and wild fire areas within their communities. These grants that are offered from the Federal Government to mitigate as well as get help to recover from natural hazards. Zach reported that the only thing that needed to happen was to accept the resolution. He asked if there were any questions and the Council did not have any at this time.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve the resolution 2021-2 Hazard Mitigation Planning. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. With Councilmember Mellor on zoom. Councilmember Andersen was absent.

Discussion and Possible Approval of resolution 2021-3 adding to Gunnison City Land Use Ordinance Section 1630 1-C for Payment of \$1,500 assessment for secondary water on arid land – Councilmember Rod Taylor

Councilmember Taylor addressed the need for the resolution due to a piece of the ordinance section 1630 1-C missing and a new number needing to be added to reflect the need for an assessment for secondary water on arid land that was not added when the irrigation system was created. He explained that when the system was put in, residents had the option to buy into the city irrigation system and transfer their water shares to the city. There were some that did not buy into the system at the time and kept their shares. As new development comes and those lots are being built on, there needs to be an assessment charged. The amount that has been charged is \$1,500.00 per acre. It was charged in the past, but it was never added to the ordinance. This resolution will rectify the situation and be there for the future. Councilmember Hill asked if Martha Larsen will have to pay the extra assessment for her apartments that she is building. Councilmember Taylor said that she will be assessed the \$1,500 for the acre and also a portion for the extra ¾ of acre. Along with that she will need to turn in 4 full shares of water to the city.

Councilmember Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution 2021-3 adding to Gunnison City Land Use Ordinance Section 1630 1-C for Payment of \$1,500 assessment for secondary water on arid land. Councilmember Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. With Councilmember Mellor on zoom. Councilmember Andersen was absent.

Discus City Beautification Week, placement of dumpsters, and other beautification matters – Councilmember Stella Hill

Councilmember Stella Hill reported to the Council that Code Enforcement Officer Eric Pratt was ready to start working on the list that had been put together to check on possible City Code violations. He will be starting that on Friday March 5, 2021. He would be visiting the houses and areas in question and trying to speak with the residents to let them know of the possible violations and compile a report on each violation. He will be working around 16 to 20 hours a month and will be working every other Friday each month. Councilmember Taylor asked if he was approved by the Council and what was his rate of pay. Mayor Nay responded that he was appointed by the Council and that he was hired as a 1099 employee with the rate of pay at \$20 an hour up to \$2,000 each month.

The discussion then moved to the Spring Clean Up week ad April 5-12. The dumpsters would be placed where they have been the past couple of years. Debbie Greener spoke up from the audience to see if there was any way to place the dumpsters in a different place this year so that those with out vehicles to haul yard waste to the dumpsters. The concern with moving the dumpsters was that they needed to be off of the roads so that they did not interfere with traffic. Councilmember Hill reported that she would talk to Whites Sanitation to schedule a second week.

There was some items at the park and cemetery with trees that needed to be pruned and watered. Councilmember Hill reported that she has been talking to Donald Childs about getting someone that can prune the older trees at the cemetery so that there is room for the cars to drive around within the cemetery. Some of the trees around the cabin in the park needed some extra water last year and they will need to be looked at again this year to see that they do not die.

Proposed Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 and September 16, 2020

Councilmember Hill made the motion to approve the city council meeting minutes for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 and September 16, 2020. Councilmember Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Andersen being absent.

Proposed Approval of Bills and Adjustments

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve the bills and adjustments as presented. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Councilmember Mellor voted by Zoom and Councilmember Andersen was absent.

City Business and Future Items

Planning and Zoning: Councilmember Taylor reported that planning and zoning had approved the Home Occupation for Katalyst Excavation LLC for Kayson Jensen at 41 East 100 South and Ivan Prescott with a trucking company at 586 South Main Street.

Also, a discussion about renewal of business licenses to determine when a business is exempt from paying the fee. The State code was looked over and it was determined that if a business wanted to be exempt, they would have to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission and ask for the exemption.

Councilmember Taylor and Crane mentioned that they had not seen an updated Budget presented to the Council in some time. It would be good to see there the different departments are at with being over, under or close to their budgets. Councilmember Taylor reminded the Council that they need to see the updated budget at least every two months. It was decided that one would be presented to the Council next meeting on March 17, 2021.

4th of July: Councilmember Crane reported that he would be holding a meeting with the committee to start planning the activity for the 4th of July. It was discussed when to hold the celebration since the 4th falls on a Sunday this year. The celebration could happen on Friday and Saturday July 2nd and 3rd.

Clean Up: Councilmember Mellor would like to hold a River Walk clean up in April and wondered what he could do to get rid of the tamarack. This was discussed further. He will be meeting with the Trails Committee to work on the trails and what grants that are available to help with paying for those.

Beautification: Councilmember Hill was wanting to get things in order for the Spring Clean Up and also that she had talked to Berkley Petersen about coming back in the summer to work again with watering Main Street like last summer. Working on the Cemetery for spring.

CIB: Mayor Nay reported that there would be a meeting by zoom tomorrow morning for the CIB application for the amount of \$2.1 million dollars (1.5 in grants and the rest in loans) to help with the funding of road projects through out the city. A decision would be made by the board during the meeting. This will help with the widening of the Cemetery road and other road that are needed.

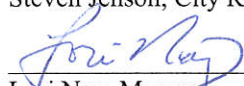
Road Number Change: Councilmember Taylor asked if the Council would discuss the item of changing the street number of several houses so that the road just north of 300 North could be 400 North. In looking at the plat map, it was decided that less homes (Brent Jensen) would be affected if the road was numbered 350 North instead of 400 North.

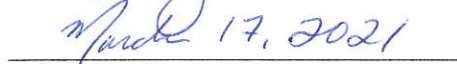
Adjourn

Councilmember Crane made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion.

8:45 p.m. Adjourn


Steven Jensen, City Recorder


Lori Nay, Mayor


Approval Date