

Gunnison City Special Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 PM
Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center
Gunnison, UT 84634

Present: Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Robert Andersen, Stella Hill, Shawn Crane, and Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jensen, Fire Chief Jed Hansen, Assistant Fire Chief Zach Jensen, Public Works Manager Donald Childs, Public Blake Donaldson, Kelley Chappel from Ensign Engineering

Presiding: Mayor Lori Nay

Invocation: Councilmember Stella Hill

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Open and Close Burn Ordinance – Fire Chief Jed Hansen

Fire Chief Jed Hansen accompanied with Assistant Fire Chief Zach Jensen came before the Council to propose an ordinance that fire chief Jed Hansen had produced in the hopes that all cities that were serviced by Gunnison Valley Fire Department would be on the same page. He went over it with the Council and explained some of the needs to update fire activities. The No burn season would still remain the same from June 1st to October 31st except in the month of October the public could have the opportunity to get a burn permit from the fire department to burn. It was determined that the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Police Chief be the ones that could issue burn permits. This way things could be regulated and managed so that extra fires would not get out of hand. A copy was given to the Council to look over and to approve at a different time. There is a provision for the public to have recreational fires with in city limits. There are rules that need to be followed. There were a few changes that would be updated and then it would be voted on at the next Council meeting to pass as a resolution. Zach Jensen mentioned that they are wanting to budget every other year to buy turn outs and other equipment that needs to be replace on a regular basis. It was agreed that it will need to be looked at with the budget each of the next three Council Meetings. There are 20 volunteer fire fighters at this time. The goal is to get to 24 but that is great for a city this size.

Update on CIB Grant and Road Construction Project – Kelly Chappell, Ensign Engineering

The Mayor reported that she failed to put an item on the agenda. It was to have Kelly Chappell from Ensign Engineering come before the Council and report on the CIB Grant progress and where the city was in the process of the roads project for road within the City limits. Kelly reported to the Council of a 1.2 million grant from CIT with a 880K loan at 1% interest with a 20,000K contribution from the City of Gunnison. This will allow the city to then go forward with updating projects around the city on a 10 loan. It was reported that the interest rate in the minutes was at 0%. Kelly went over the process of the funding meeting and CIB was able to approve the project. The money will be allocated on June 3rd at another meeting by zoom. The projects will be then ready to begin in the spring of 2022. There will be a bond that will need to be approved by the Council in July. The bond attorney Richard Chamberlin will get on that after the project is approved.

Kelly then went over the different projects that the Council can look at in the future, and there will be a construction meeting to decide that roads will need to be done first at that time. The work meeting will need to be scheduled some time in June after the money is finalized at the first of June. 200 East and Cemetery Road are a few of the major projects that will need to be looked at. 400 East, road base to many of the roads and chip seal to many of the roads that do not need more maintenance. Improvements to Indian road will need to be looked at as well. There were questions for Kelly about the price of asphalt and it was about 4.25 a cubic foot.

Irrigation Water with Letter to the Public – Mayor and City Council

Donald spoke about needing a stop sign on 100 South 200 East and there was a discussion with the Council. This was the same discussion that was the previous meeting. It was mentioned that there are vehicles and boat in front homes along that road.

There was a discussion about irrigation water and the letter and map that was drafted by Councilmember Rod Taylor to be mailed out to the public. There was a suggestion of a notice referencing the burn ordinance. Customers that are south of the creek are on the

Gunnison Irrigation Company and water is delivered to city residents on their system. In the past, water shares are moved to allocate more water to that area of town. It was suggested that it should be mentioned that to limit watering on the days that are available. If the schedule is followed, then there will be no need to turn off the system and repressurize it each day. Councilmember Rod Taylor asked to consult with Mandy Larsen the City Attorney about what can be done to impose a penalty to those that are abusing and watering used. Councilmember Stella Hill asked about the page that was given to the Council listing the number of gallons used. Councilmember Rod Taylor reported that when the water project was completed, and the second project was done, there were extra shares. This was held as to have extra share in case of improvements and also development of housing in City limits. Culinary water will be regulated by the price on the utility bills and should not be used like the irrigation water is used. The map and letter were finalized and then will be sent out to the public as soon as possible.

The discussion moved to when the software system will be implemented to read the city water meters. The Mayor reported that the new COVID money will be allocated only for infrastructure for water and sewer. The City will be getting around \$400,000 and that might be broken up into two installments of \$200,000 each year. This coming year the city will wait for July when the money is received and the new budget is in place. Councilmember Rod Taylor suggested that the City look at a different meter than the ones that were approved at the last time. Councilmember Robert Andersen stated that he will look into the different options.

Councilmember Robert Andersen reported back on what he had found on the use of Peacock Spring for culinary water. He stated that there was no way that Peacock Spring could be used for the use of drinking water. The slope and the filter system needed to make sure it was good was not feasible and not cost effective. If Robert Childs was to drill a well, it could be protested by the City and could stop it from happening. This caused another discussion of the need for the City to look for additional sources of water in the future.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Purchase Christmas lights to extend from 300 South to City limits with Centerfield City (700 South) – Councilmember Stella Hill

There is a budget of \$1,000 to purchase Christmas lights. It was suggested to make more decorations. The discussion lead to the type of decorations Centerfield City has and if those could be replicated on a smaller scale to save money. The weight needs to be lighter and smaller for the poles from 300 South to the Southern City Limits. It was suggested that there could be a way to move some money from other departments to fund the Christmas decoration to purchase. It was determined to relook at the cost of purchasing enough to cover the poles needed. A decision would be made at the special Council Meeting on April 28th.

Discussion and Possible Approval of bid to trim/remove trees that are diseased or dead on the east side of the park – Councilmember Stella Hill

Councilmember Stella Hill reported that she and the Mayor went up to the park to look at the trees in question and found that the one that had a limb fall on the sign will be in the way of the new sign and needs to come down. The rest of the trees have green on them and suggests that they stay. They looked some different kinds of trees and had some pictures for the Council to look at and to determine if a second line of smaller trees could be planted 15 feet behind the existing trees so that there is something growing when the old ones are taken out. The Council looked at the different kinds of trees had a discussion and Tri City Nursery would be the ones that could supply the new trees. There be 7 trees at \$347 apiece for a total of \$2,500 total. They could be watered with gator bags that can be watered twice a week. Councilmember Stella Hill would ask Lynn Pickett the amount it would cost to remove the one tree.

Councilmember Stella Hill made the motion to purchase 7 trees from Tri City Nursery for the amount of \$2,500.00 for the park and remove the one tree that is broken. Councilmember Shawn Crane seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Approval for part time and seasonal help wages – Mayor Lori Nay

The Mayor passed out a sheet with the wages that are being paid. The wage ladder is not current. Wyatt Scott, Angela Leatherwood, and Derek Roberts needed to be looked at to discuss if a wage increase was needed.

Councilmember Stella Hill made the motion to move into closed session pursuant to the Provisions of Section 52-4-205(1) of the Open Meeting Law for the purpose of (a) discussion of personnel matters. Councilmember Robert Andersen.

Closed Session

Councilmember Robert Andersen made the motion to with a pay raise for Wyatt Scott at \$16.36 for passing water connection, Angela Leatherwood at \$15.00, and Derek Roberts at \$12.00. Councilmember Rod Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

The Mayor reported that she wanted to hire Berkley Petersen for seasonal help for Parks and Cemetery at \$13.00 an hour.

Councilmember Robert Andersen made the motion to hire Berkley Petersen for seasonal help for Parks and Cemetery at \$13.00 an hour. Councilmember Shawn Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Impact Fees for building permits – Mayor Lori Nay

Mayor reported that she had met with the City Attorney Mandy Larsen and it was determined that due to Gunnison being a municipality under 5,000 residents the city did not need to hire an engineering firm to research impact fees. Jodi Henline had been calling different cities in the area and it appears that Gunnison is in line with those other municipalities. If the decision is made to change them, the city will need to published in the paper of what the increase will be and then have input in the next City Council Meeting before it is approved. The water and sewer impact fees are a total of \$3,752.21. The decision was made to wait and not increase impact fees at this time.

Proposed Approval of Bills and Adjustments

There were no questions about the bills.

Councilmember Robert Andersen made the motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Shawn Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0

City Business and Future Items

Service Projects – Councilmember Stella Hill reported that the school student body council came to her asking if there were any service projects that the city needed done on the G-Hill for G-Day. Also, along the fence on Indian Road there is junk and garbage that have blown around. There was a discussion as to look at what to do with the garbage after it was picked up. The horse arena was discussed again in that some volunteers could come and help to clean it up and the city could help with some money to improvements.

Trees at Cemetery – Councilmember Stella Hill asked about trimming the trees at the cemetery and it was reported that Lynn Pickett did it once for the city and it lasted about 6-7 years. The amount that was paid was \$4,000.

RV on road- Councilmember Shawn Crane asked about the RV that is parked on the street with no license plates. It was reported that something needed to be done with it, either to be taken to GIC or taken off of the street. It was not know who it belonged to and possibly the police could get involved.

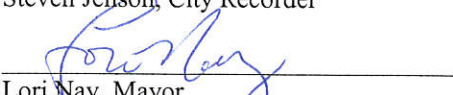
4th of July Celebration – Councilmember Shawn Crane asked if there is a form that vendors can fill out at City Hall to sign up to sell at the 4th of July Celebration. It was reported by City Recorder Steven Jenson that they can fill out the form and pay their money. The event sales tax numbers will be coming from the State in June. The amount will be \$50.00 same as last year.

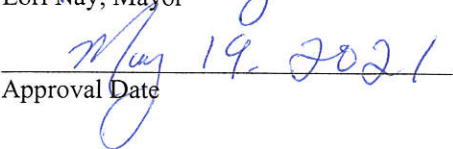
Adjourn

Councilmember Rod Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stella Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Adjourn


Steven Jenson, City Recorder


Lori Nay, Mayor


Approval Date