

**Gunnison City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 7:00 PM
Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center
Gunnison, UT 84634**

Present: Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Robert Andersen, Stella Hill, Shawn Crane, Michael Wanner, and Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jenson, City Treasurer Deanne Addis, Public Works Director Donald Childs, City Accountant Gary Keddington, Tyson Brackett Gunnison Valley Recreation Director, Citizens Clark Flake, Josh Flake, Blake Donaldson, Debra Greener, Shawn Jensen, Shayla Coates, Rawley Coates, Casey Dyreng (State Bank of Southern Utah) Tyson Jewkes (Ensign Engineering),

Presiding: Mayor Lori Nay

Invocation: Councilmember Rod Taylor.

Request for Donation for 4-H Livestock – Shayla Coates

Mayor Nay started the discussion was asking Rawley Coates to speak her name into the microphone and then to explain her purpose for coming before the Council. Rawley explained that she is going to have an animal in the County Fair and was coming before the Council to ask if the city wanted to donate some money to her animal. This would allow the price of her animal to start at a higher price for the auction at the end of showing the animals. Shayla also explained that there are 3 other children with animals from Gunnison that are asking for donations as well. Rawley passed around a picture of her pig that she will be showing. The discussion was about the total amount to give and then it would be divided among the 4 animals.

Robert Andersen arrives 7:05 p.m.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to make the donation of \$140 for the 4 animals that will come out to \$35 for each animal for the Livestock show. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0. Councilmember Hill and was not present.

Annual Report to Council from Gunnison Valley Recreation – Tyson Brackett, Robert Andersen, Gary Keddington

Tyson Brackett from Gunnison Valley Recreation gave out a handout showing the revenue that was spent from the past year. The pandemic affected the numbers of kids signing up for sports last year and it was estimated from 2019 numbers that 200 kids did not sign up for sports in 2020. Volleyball and Basketball were limited due to size of spectators. There were football and soccer were combined with Manti and Ephraim cities for fall and spring. Softball and Baseball were strong due to the restrictions were less during the pandemic so there were good numbers for the communities.

7:15 Councilmember Stella Hill Arrives

There was a question from Councilmember Hill about other activities offered other than sports with the Recreation department. Tyson responded that he has tried to reach out to some art teachers to offer art classes, but no one has taken him up on teaching any other classes at this time.

The mayor asked what numbers were for 2019 and it was reported a total of 900 kids signed up for sports. 2020 the numbers were way down. The Recreation department expects the numbers for 2021 to be back up. They are sending out sign ups for flag football now at the beginning of school year. Gary Keddington also went over the numbers of revenue that Gunnison City with the RAP Tax and how all of that goes to Gunnison Valley Recreation and from there it is spent with the different sports and activities. Gunnison Valley Recreation manages their budget with less money than the cities of Manti and Ephraim. It was reported that the cost to play is coordinated with other cities in the county so that kids are not finding the lowest costs to play in different sports. Currently swimming was a part of the department. It is done on a city level. Councilmember Wanner reported he had had conversations with the Pool Manager Matt Reber that it would be good to have swimming under the umbrella of the Recreation Department.

Mayor Nay asked the question of if sponsors are used to help offset the costs of running the sports. It was reported by Tyson that only Jr. Jazz is the only ones doing sponsors and that is on a state level. They department is using the money that kids pay to play with running the programs currently. The High School is gathering sponsors to help in their gyms and on the fences at the baseball parks.

The discussion of refs for the different sports and how it is hard to keep them going. Also the concessions were down due to the pandemic and the first couple of month during the season revenue is lost due to not as much of the public not attending. The mayor and Council thanked Tyson for the hard work he is doing and Gary Keddington for his help is presenting to the Council tonight. Tyson did mention that he would like to add tennis and pickleball to the schedule if there are any ideas that the city has would be greatly appreciated.

Councilmember Crane asked about what it would take to get baseball tournaments to the area. The discussion turned to the upgrade of the fields with the CDBG grant for Gunnison and Centerfield. Once that is done, Softball and Baseball tournaments would bring in a lot of the different communities in the surrounding areas to Gunnison Valley and the possibilities are endless.

Discussion of Online products with State Bank of Southern Utah – Casey Dyreng

Casey Dyreng who is the branch manager for State Bank of Southern Utah began speaking about the different online products that are the bank has to offer the city. The main thing was the direct deposit and online payment for vendors. The cost of the online services would be \$40 a month. They would be able to save on paper checks, ink to print the checks and also save time in having to sign all of the checks as well. The controls would be in place to verify what was being paid.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve moving forward with the discussed online services with State Bank of Southern Utah for Payroll and payment of Invoices. Councilmember Wanner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Discussion with Possible Approval of preliminary plan for Subdivision at 500 West Center – Josh Flake

Josh Flake passed out the updated designs for the subdivision at 500 West Center. He went over the conditions that were recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The lot sizes needed to be conformed to the city code, the road on the south end of the subdivision would be no smaller than 50 feet. The storm drainage was updated on the plans to show the water is caught in catch basins. The mayor asked about the northwest end of the subdivision to catch the water from the hill. Josh reported that he is wanting to slope the ground and to spread out the water over several lots and disperse the water evenly. All the water from the subdivision will be caught and diverted through a storm drainpipe will be 24 inches to the creek. The discussion turned to how the city will help with getting the drainpipe under the road at 100 South and down to the creek bed.

Tyson Jewkes from Ensign Engineering gave some ideas on what the best process should be. He suggested that the engineer of the subdivision plan the entire thing out and then get with the city to have it approved and then the city could help in getting things accomplished. Ensign Engineering can help and doing the design; however, it would be best if one engineer did the entire design first.

Councilmember Hill made the comment that she had been contacted by some of the public that were against having a retention pond on the subdivision. Blake Donaldson from the audience made the comment that he likes the design and what is planned since he lives next to the proposed subdivision. Councilmember Wanner asked the question of the purpose of the catch basin. Josh responded that the purpose is to get the water out of the gutters and into the pipes to funnel the extra water way from the lots. The plan is to divert the water away from the subdivision and down to the creek bed south.

Mayor Nay stated to Josh that the city was proposing that his engineer calculate the flows of the water from the subdivision and the design from the subdivision all the way to the river south of the subdivision. Then if there were any needed changes due to extra water from the surrounding areas, the city would get with their engineers and modify the design is needed.

Josh then spoke to the easement of the south road of the subdivision and the engineer reported the road is 52 feet wide. The fence is not in line with the easement. Nothing is needed to be changed at this time. Councilmember Taylor stated that the city will be taking care of the property south of the road to expand the walkway up to the G-Hill area. The rest of the roads in the subdivision were 50 feet width. The lots are all large enough to meet the city code for setbacks for corner lots. The final count on the lots is 44 and will be small than originally planned. There will need to have more information about the sewer, p.i. and streetlights included within the final design before it is approved.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve the Rocky Point Estates preliminary plan of the Subdivision at 500 West Center with the stipulation of the storm drainage report by their engineer. Councilmember Wanner seconded the motion. The mayor did a roll call vote and it was unanimous 5-0.

Discussion regarding request for rezoning of property approximately 400 North 135 West and scheduling of public hearing – Courtney Crane

Courtney Crane was not present, and Councilmember Crane reported that it would need to be taken off of the agenda.

Discuss scheduling Summer Party, Thrive 125 and upcoming trainings for personnel and elected officials such as the ULCT annual convention September 28 and Oct 1 and others – Mayor Nay

Mayor Nay started by talking about when she first was on the Council that every year there was dinner held to thank the many volunteers that helped with the city. It was done for a couple of years and then stopped. She was wanting to bring that back because of the many people that volunteer their time to help the city run smoothly with the different committees. The dates to shoot for would be September 13th. Cooking burgers and having a potluck and have the time be 6 p.m. The mayor then changed the discussion to the Thrive 125, which is a grant the state gives out to advertise the 125-year birthday of the State of Utah. The activity was the July 4th celebration. There was a need for PR in the paper to talk about that and it will satisfy the requirement by the state to keep the money.

The mayor also spoke about trainings and conventions that will be done in September. City Treasurer Deanne Addis will have a training for new software with Master Meter on September 15th for one day in St. George. The Utah League of City and Towns will be on September 28th through October 1st. The City Recorder convention is the week before and the coverage of the office has been worked out. October 5th Rural Economic Development which is held in Cedar City and is very beneficial. The mayor will be making reservations for those that want to go. Sales tax is trying to be changed in the State Legislature by Rep Craig Butters. The Wasatch Front is wanting to keep more sales tax and give less to the rural areas. The mayor is working on a committee to help combat that.

Discussion regarding ARPA Grant determine of projects – Mayor Nay

Mayor Nay wanted to discuss with the Council about going after money from the grants with ARPA (COVID). There are specific areas that this money can be used for. The areas are for water and sewer improvements. The deadline is September 15, 2021 and can apply for more than one. The council discussed where to focus on the search for more water sources in conjunction with Centerfield City try to go for a \$1 million. The consensus was the need for more water due to Peacock Springs not able to service the city currently. Finding additional sources of water should be the priority right now with these grants to build the city reserves. There are grants to look at developing the industrial park as well. The question about the construction company keeping the dust down at the industrial park for the past couple of weeks.

Discussion with Possible Approval of 3 computers for Front Office, Parks, and Recorder offices – Mayor Nay

The mayor turned the time over to City Recorder Steven Jenson to talk about the need to replace the three-office desk top computers at the front desk, parks department and the recorder offices. Steven spoke to the need to replace the computers due to some problems happening and the age of the computers is over the time limit and needing to be replaced. Dynamic Integrations bid out the total of all three computers of \$2,400.

Councilmember Wanner made the motion to approve the desk top computers for the Front Desk, Parks, and Recorder offices from Dynamic Integrations. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Discussion of Updating Ordinances for Administrative Staff – Mayor Nay

The mayor reported that there were several good applications received for the City Manager position, however, there were a few people that contacted the mayor to let her know that due to the working of the city code for City Administrator, they did not feel the job would be very stable. She had looked over the code and there were a few things that she thought needed to be changed before going forward with appointing a City Manager. Some of the Councilmembers thought that it was good to go back over the code and see what could be updated to reflect the position as it should be going forward. Being able to remove someone with out cause did give some pause in applying for the job. It was decided to have more discussion and to hold off on the process of hiring a City Manager at this time. The mayor will look for help outside the city as well.

Proposed Approval of City Council Minutes for Wednesday, July 21, 2021

There were no questions with the minutes.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve the minutes for July 21, 2021. Councilmember Andersen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Approval of Bills and Adjustments

Councilmember Crane made the motion to approve the bills. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Other Business

Streetlights: Councilmember Taylor reported that there is a delay in when Rocky Mountain Power will be able to begin switching out the LED lights on the back streets around town. It should be a couple of more weeks when they get the materials in and then they will schedule to start the install.

Trails: Councilmember Wanner reported that the Manti Trail Builders are behind schedule in getting to start the bike trails in the G-Hill. They will let Councilmember Wanner when that will begin.

Main Street Watering: Councilmember Hill reported that Berkley Petersen is no longer working for the City and Jet Hill will be taking her place. He is only 15 and will turn 16 in December of this year. He will not be able to work more than 40 a pay period and will no longer be a 1099 employee. City Recorder Jensen will get the paperwork so Jet can fill it out and then he will be on the payroll.

Watering: Councilmember Hill wanted to know if Donald is being compensated for the extra work that he is doing in the evening for turning on and off the irrigation water to make sure different sections of town can water. It was reported that Donald got a raise in the new budget, so he is being compensated. She also asked if there is a weekend on call schedule to make sure others can be gone in case of an emergency.

Water Connection for Greg Bartholomew: The mayor asked Public Works Director Donald Childs if Greg needed to be present to ask for a water connection to Christensen Well. He is located next to the well and will need to hook into the line that Carl is on. The water will come back from the water tank after it has been treated. The cost will be for time and materials and will be outside of the city limits. It was decided that Greg did not need to come for the Council to decide.

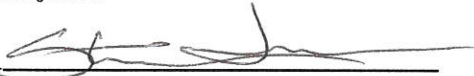
Councilmember Hill made the motion to approve the water connection for Greg Bartholomew to the Christensen Well line. Councilmember Wanner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

The Council received the updated City Budget.

Adjourn

8:59 p.m. Adjourn: Councilmember Crane made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0.

Adjourn



Steven Jensen, City Recorder



Lori Nay, Mayor

9/15/2021

Approval Date