

**Gunnison City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center
Gunnison, UT 84634**

Present: Mayor Lori Nay, Councilmembers: Robert Andersen, Stella Hill, Michael Wanner, and Rod Taylor, City Recorder Steven Jensen, City Treasurer Deanne Addis, Citizens Blake Donaldson

Before the meeting officially started on the recording, there was a discussion about planning and zoning procedures for signs. Councilmember Michael Wanner is working with the Hospital in upgrading their sign on Main Street. There was talk of combining of lots and what the flow chart would be in approval with just the zoning commission or if it would have to also go to the city council. There was also a discussion about the new bank building going in as well and what the different processes are for the applications that are needing to be submitted as well.

Presiding: Mayor Lori Nay

Invocation: Councilmember Stella Hill

7:15 A public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Street Improvement Revenue Bonds and any potential economic impact to the private sector from the construction of the street improvements, including, but not necessarily limited to, widening of roads, chip seal, installation of storm drainage improvements and ADA ramps (the "Project") to be funded by the Bonds. – Mayor Nay

Councilmember Rod Taylor made a motion to open the public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Street Improvement Revenue Bonds and any potential economic impact to the private sector from the construction of the street improvements, including, but not necessarily limited to, widening of roads, chip seal, installation of storm drainage improvements and ADA ramps (the "Project") to be funded by the Bonds. Councilmember Robert Anderson seconded to motion. The vote was unanimous 4-0, with Councilmember Shawn Crane absent at the time of vote.

Mayor Lori Nay started the discussion by explaining to those present about the project with respect of the improvements needed to roads around the city. There will be a focus on 200 East from 300 North to 500 South. As well as 400 West from 300 North down to 100 South. There will also be making sure that problem areas that need storm drainage and sidewalks installed around town as well. There will be a work meeting on September 15th to discuss more and focus down on the major areas that need help with first. The grant awarded was 1.2 million with loans in the amount of 800K to be paid back over 10 years with money received by B and C roads money. Councilmember Hill spoke about the need to focus on 400 West with the past rainstorms and the flooding that occurred there.

Councilmember Wanner spoke about the number of calls he has received from the public in the need for updating roads and having sidewalks and storm drainage around town. It was discussed that the city has allotted for 50,000 each year to be dedicated to building of sidewalks and that only equates to 2 roads a year. The mayor did mention that there is \$600,000 set aside that can be put toward for the project as well to help get storm drainage up to date as well to help with the water flooding problem.

7:25 p.m. Councilmember Shawn Crane arrived

Councilmember Taylor responded that storm drainage is an important thing due to the new development going in around town and the need to update is crucial. City Treasurer Deanne Addis asked if the curb and sidewalk will be put in together and not have a park strip in between. The mayor stated that the plan is to not have a park strip and to save space that way. It was also discussed that the remainder of the B & C Roads money will go to maintaining and upkeep of the other roads around the city.

Councilmember Crane made the motion to move forward to hold a public hearing and approve resolution 2021-10 Parameter resolution to adopt the bonds for street project with CIB. Councilmember Andersen seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was unanimous. Councilmembers Hill and Wanner were not present.

Discussion of upcoming Appreciation/Thank You Dinner at the park Sept. 20, 2021 – 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. There is the Trails and G-Hill committee, Beautification committee, Pool committee, Airport Board, Planning Commission. The plan is to have it on September 20, 2021, at 6 p.m. at the park. Angela Leatherwood said that she would be able to cater the event. It would be for volunteers, employees,

Council, and their spouses.

Discuss upcoming conferences for Council and Staff- Mayor Nay

The mayor asked about the scheduled conferences for the month of September. City Recorder Steven Jenson has a conference from September 21st to September 24th in Park City for the Recorder's Conference. The hotel room and registration has been paid for already. Deanne Addis will be covering the office those days. The mayor and Council will be going to the League of Cities and Towns Conference in Salt Lake City the dates of September 28th through September 30th. City Treasurer Deanne Addis will be going to St George on September 15th for a training for the new software with Master Meter for the upgrade of the new meter reading system. City Recorder Steven Jenson will cover the office that day. Reservations have been made for the Council and mayor for the end of September. There was a discussion on the different classes available and how each councilmember can go online to sign up. Councilmember Taylor reported that he will not be able to attend those dates. There will be another conference on October 5th through the 6th.

Discussion regarding ARPA Grant determine of projects – Mayor Nay

Mayor Nay wanted to know which member on the Council would be willing to help her write the grants for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant. Councilmember Hill and Crane joked that the other should be able to help just fine. This is with the Federal Government and is the new name for the COVID grants. The County is also willing to match some money to help the city as well. 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. The goal is 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.

Mayor Nay is also working with 6 Counties to help get a grant with Sanpete County, Sevier County, Salina City and Gunnison City to upgrade the airport with fuel tanks. This will help with getting a well for potable water for the airport.

Councilmember Robert Andersen made a motion to close the public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Street Improvement Revenue Bonds and any potential economic impact to the private sector from the construction of the street improvements, including, but not necessarily limited to, widening of roads, chip seal, installation of storm drainage improvements and ADA ramps (the "Project") to be funded by the Bonds. Councilmember Michael Wanner seconded to motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0

Discussion of City Emergency Plan – Councilmember Michael Wanner

Mayor Nay joked that she was springing this on Councilmember Wanner at the last minute and wanted him to head the discussion of the City Emergency Plan considering the recent events of the heavy rains that happened. The Water Emergency plan was updated recently with FEMA. Councilmember Wanner reported that he is on the emergency plan committee with the hospital and attended a recent training with the County and there are resources that the city can tap into to have a better way of planning for emergencies either man made or natural. He has made some calls to get some information that will help in updating the emergency plan for the city. He asked if there was anything that was started to get a head start so that he is not starting from nothing. Councilmember Crane said that he was working on it a while back, but a good resource would be from the 6 County offices. The mayor asked for a report on the finding in a months' time. Councilmember Wanner said that would be good.

Proposed Approval of City Council Minutes for Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Wednesday, August 4, 2021

The mayor stated that she was needing some changes to the minutes in that each vote needed to spell out the number for the motion and a number against the motion. Both June and August minutes did not have those. Also, the name of the company that Tyson Jewkes works for is not Sunrise Engineering but, Ensign Engineering. The description of Jana Robinson problem of her not fixing her water leak was due to not being able to get a plumber to fit her into their schedule. That was not included in the minutes and needed to be added. The Council was in favor of those changes and was in favor of approving the minutes as long as those changes were done first.

Councilmember Michael Wanner made the motion to approve the City Council Minutes for Wednesday, June 16, 2021, and Wednesday, August 4, 2021, as long as the mentioned changes were updated before signature. Councilmember Robert Andersen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5-0

Approval of Bills and Adjustments

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

Other Business

Light Poles: It was asked of Councilmember Taylor for an update on the light poles that have been hit and when they can be replaced. It was reported by City Recorder Steven Jenson that he is still in the process of gathering the insurance information to submit it for payment. There are a couple of other poles that need to be replaced as well and the discussion of the height and length of the poles is still needed to be decided. The cost will be determined due to the measurements. The 27-foot poles are no longer made and may need to go to 30 feet. The cost for a 30-foot pole is \$3,870. Moore Electric will be able to install it once it is ordered and delivered.

It has been two weeks and Kelly from Rocky Mountain Power said they will be sending the city a quote to change out the streetlights off of main street shortly. There is \$20,000 in the budget to handle that cost. That could be started and handled by October. Bruce Parker is updating the city code and to update that on the website, there needs to be a public hearing. He is working on that some other changes can be done with one public hearing. It will be reviewed by the Council first.

Construction Projects: The Mayor reported that due to the heavy rain the trail next to HWY 89 is on hold and by Monday it should be dry enough to put the asphalt down. reported that the Ballfields are coming along, and concrete should be done by the following week.

Parking on Main Street: The public has been commenting about semi-trucks are parking across the street from Maverick and are blocking the sight from vehicles pulling out on to Hwy 89 from center street. That will be place for an accident if that is not addressed. He understands the reason for the parking so that they can pull out on to the road when leaving instead of pulling into the parking lot. The discussion went in the way of how to handle that of painting the curb red, but with it being a state road, that may not be an option. The options will need to be looked at a future time.

Park Closure/Park Tables: Mayor Nay reported that there have been several times that sprinklers at the park have been broken and creating geysers and damaging city property. She was wanting to post signs saying the park will be closed at 10 p.m. She wanted input from the Council as to their thinking. It was discussed that watering could be turned on later of the night. It was also discussed the picnic tables that are being damaged as well at the old Lions pavilion it was determined to order 6 to 8 tables at length 8' x 3'. These are metal tables dipped in rubber. A suggestion of putting up trail cameras to see if it helps as well with the vandalism. It was decided to post signs around the park of closure at 10 p.m.

Trails Grant: Councilmember Wanner reported that the trails committee had received a grant of \$100,000 to begin the trail head and several trails on G-Hill. The name of the first trail will be Dwight's Rocky Point. There is a total of \$190,000 in grant money to work with in creating the trails. The first phase of construction will be 6 miles of trails for high school competition. There is more than enough money to work on the trails. The construction of the trails will begin in a couple of weeks.

Hanging Pots: Councilmember Hill spoke about wanting to get parts to extend the hanging pots on main street. The public works department will be helping install them when the parts come in. The posts rub together with the poles now and kill the inside of the flowers of the pots. The pots in front of the Theater are longer and look a lot better than the other ones on main street. Berkley Petersen is gone now, and Jet Hill is watering the flowers now and will be doing that through the end of the season.

United We Stand Celebration: Councilmember Wanner reported that everything is in order, and he is very excited for what is planned on September 10th and 11th. The car show, vendors, food trucks, laser tag for the kids and the fly over for the parade with the flag. There will be an auction and there should be a huge turnout. The health department will be there for vaccinations as well.

Ballpark: Councilmember Andersen gave an update of the ball field complex, and everything is coming along nicely. The concrete is almost done, and everything is on schedule.

Adjourn

8:32 Adjourn: Councilmember Crane made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0.

Adjourn



Steven Jensen, City Recorder



Lori Nay, Mayor



Approval Date