CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

Gunnison City Hall

West Center Street

7 P.M.

Roll Call:

Rod Taylor, Mike Wanner, Lori Nay, Stella Hill, Robert Andersen. Excused is Shawn Crane

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Councilwomen Stella Hill

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Forum

Linda Christensen from Sanpete Kindness addressed the council. She was at a council meeting about a year ago when she first started her organization Sanpete Kindness. They have been approved as a non-profit organization. They have formed a committee, including Miss Sanpete County Gracie Christensen. Their organization started with positive signs that have been posted throughout the county. She said they have 400 around Sanpete and they have another 100 in production. All of these were paid for through donations.
September is suicide awareness month. They are currently working on getting out the word that the suicide hotline has changed to 988. They are wanting to get stickers or magnets that can go on vehicles to help spread the word. They would like to get the cities involved and have these placed on city vehicles.
They received a grant and decided to make large banners for all the cities to hang up. She presented the council with one for Gunnison.

Consent Agenda

August 17, 2022, City Council Meeting Minutes:

Mike Wanner made the motion to approve the minutes with the change to Approving Dennis Marker as the Zoning Administrator instead of Planning Commissioner, seconded by Rod Taylor, the vote was 4-0 in favor, excused is Shawn Crane.

Bills for period ending September 2, totaling $70,497.65:

The council went over the bills and had some discussion. Robert Andersen made the motion to approve the bills, Mike Wanner seconded, the vote was 4-0 in favor, excused is Shawn Crane.

Bids Awards, Recognitions, and Appointments:

Recognition of Shane Knudsen for service on Planning Commission:

The Mayor stated that they are very grateful for his service with Planning and Zoning Commission for the past 5 years.

Recognition of Rod Taylor for past service as Zoning Administrator:

The Mayor wanted to thank Rod Taylor for all of his years of service as the Zoning Administrator.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Training & Travel Requests

Val Andersen – Utah Municipal Clerks Conference (September 20-23, Logan, UT):
Mandi Buege – Utah Treasurer Academy (October 10-14, Ogden, UT):
The Mayor stated that where Valerie and Mandi are both just starting out in their positions that it will be very beneficial for them to attend as many trainings as they can. Dennis stated that these types of trainings are some of the best ways to learn all the things that are required for Valerie and Mandi in their positions.
Stella Hill made the motion to approve the training request, Robert Andersen seconded, the vote was 4-0 in favor, excused is Shawn Crane.

Discussion Regarding Pressurized Irrigation System and Usage Rates:

Dennis Marker talked to the council about some of the options they can investigate for implementing irrigation rates. The council would like to investigate using reserves to pay off the current 2006 water bonds that the city has so that they can use those bond payments towards this new bond. Dennis stated a fee schedule amendment will be brought back to the Council for action.

Discussion Regarding City Website Update:

Valerie Andersen spoke with the council; she stated that the current website needs updated. The current contract will expire in November, and they will need to move forward quickly if they are wanting to implement something new. The front office did some trainings with civicplus, which is who they use currently to post the online code. They could also go through them for their website. Dennis Marker stated that it was around $3500/year for that upgrade. Valerie stated that the City is currently paying $288/year. The council agreed that the website needs to be updated. Dennis and Valerie will investigate a few other options to make sure that civicplus is a good option and that they are comparable to others. They will have this prepared for the next council meeting.

Discussion Regarding Architectural Standards:

The Mayor recently raised concerns about new construction on Main Street and the need for clearer architectural standards. The council discussed some options. They all agreed that they would be ok with having higher standards on main street. It was suggested that a stricter standard be made for the historic blocks of main street.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2022-6 Regarding Sports Complex Agreement with South Sanpete School District:

The council took some time to look over and discuss the resolution. The county would like to do a 50/50 split of culinary water costs. Mike Wanner made the motion to approve the resolution, Robert Andersen seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous, Shawn Crane is excused.

Resolution 2022-7 Regarding Franchise Agreement with Centracom:

Dennis Marker stated that the current agreement with Centracom was signed December of 2012 and it expires after ten years. Centracom would like to get the new contract taken care of before the old one expires. They would like to have the contract be effective for a 15-year period rather than a 10 year. Dennis stated that there are no major changes from the previous contract. Dennis recommended that the council only agree to a ten-year contract because of how quickly things are changing in the cable market. The council looked over the contract. Paul Peckham with Centracom stated that they bought a company that covered a lot of the small towns. In 2008 they rebuilt to give higher speeds to their customers. In 2012 the contract expired, and they signed a new one. He stated that most of their contracts are 15 years, but they are willing to do 10 years. Rod Taylor made the motion that they approve the contract with the change of a 10 year instead of 15, Stella seconded, the vote was unanimous, Shawn Crane is excused.

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees:

Dennis Marker stated that he has been working with State Bank. He stated that they are going to have to move a tree and a light. They are planning on moving it to the side of the new driveway. The Bank is suggesting taking out all the sidewalk along Main and pour new.

Dennis asked Donald Childs to go over if they are wanting to put a requirement on the size of meter that can be put in on new homes. Donald suggested that they require 1inch meters as the standard. He stated that they will have enough pressure with that size. JD stated that the cost difference between an inch and a one and a half inch almost doubles in price. Rod stated that he thinks that they can only do a standard for everything moving forward but that they can't require residents to change their current systems. The council agreed that the 1 inch would be a good standard to go with.

Donald stated that the pond is low. He thinks that they can hopefully make it through the end of the month.

Dennis stated that he prepared a concept plan for changing the landscape in front of the city hall. He stated that he will get a quote and they will investigate doing this next spring.

Dennis stated that he also has a mylar for West Hills estates that the council needs to sign.

Valerie stated that they are getting everything ready for the volunteer dinner. She also stated that she is currently working on updating all the cemetery maps.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members:

Mike had an update on G-hill. He stated that for the kiosks they budgeted $5000, and that he got a bid for $3,000. The Mayor stated that they are going to receive $4000 from Mormon Heritage Trail, and $5000 from Rocky Mountain Power.

Mike stated that he took the bonus to the fire department, and they were very grateful.

Robert asked Dennis if would talk to Kelly about the open storm drain pipe near 400 South 200 East.

Stella stated that the training that they are going to will be during the week of council, on October 5^{th}. The council decided that they will be ok with only doing the one meeting in October.

Stella asked that the council start looking into standards for landlords. The Mayor thought that it would be a good idea to have something implemented with rentals.

The Mayor would like to like to go over what they would like to use the CBDG grant for. She asked what they needed to do to move forward on that. Dennis stated that they need to move ahead with the survey.

The Mayor also stated she spoke with an artist about the mural they are wanting to put on the side of the swimming pool.

Adjournment

Robert Andersen made the motion to adjourn, Stella Hill seconded, the vote was 4-0. Shawn Crane is excused.

Attest:

Valerie Andersen

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder

Lori Nay

Lori Nay, Mayor

9-21-22

Approval Date