

City Council Meeting

February 1, 2023

38 West Center

Mayor Nay opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Councilor Rod Taylor, Councilor Mike Wanner, Councilor Shawn Crane, Mayor Lori Nay, Councilor Robert Andersen, excused Councilor Stella Hill

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Councilor Shawn Crane

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Lori Nay

Public Forum:

No public present for comment

Minutes – January 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes for January 18, 2023, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Bills for period ending January 13, 2023, totaling \$300,900.23:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending January 13, 2023, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Public Hearing and Possible Action:

Councilor Crane made the motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-01 regarding compensation of elected officials. Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

The Mayor stated that she was told in the past that putting the numbers in the budget was all they needed to do, but it was brought to the councils attention that it is better to put it into an ordinance. No other public comments were given.

Councilor Crane made the motion to close the public hearing, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Ordinance 2023-01 Establishing Elected Officials' Compensation:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

New Business**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Gunnison Irrigation Co. Representative:**

The Gunnison Irrigation and Canal Company will conduct their annual shareholders meeting on February 13, 2023. The company has asked Gunnison City to designate who will be their voting representative at the meeting this year. The Council decided this will normally be J.D. Bunnell's responsibility, but he will be out of town. Rod Taylor will attend this year.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rural Water Conference Attendance:

The annual conference of the Rural Water Users Association will be held in St. George from Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 3, 2023. This is an opportunity for our Public Works employees to receive training and credentialing information as water and sewer system operators.

J.D. Bunnell stated that he will be attending as well as Luis Cejudo. Councilor Andersen stated that he was willing to attend, and Rod Taylor stated that he will get with Valerie and let her know if he can go.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Award of Secondary Meters Bid:

Kelly Chappell led the discussion with the Council. The Council went over all the bids and the options for the meters. The open bid period for secondary water meters, as part of the irrigation metering project, closed on Wednesday, January 25. Four companies submitted bid packages for consideration: Mountainland Supply Company, Peterson Plumping Supply, SRT Labs, and Hydro Specialties Company. The companies were evaluated on the following four criteria: Cost of their proposal, Interoperability with our current system, Warranty, and Technology and serviceability. Based on the criteria, it was recommended that the City Council award the water meters component of the irrigation metering project to Hydro Specialties Company.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to award the bid to Hydro Specialties Company with the condition of the pilot program being successful, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees**Fire Chief, Jed Hansen – Annual Business Inspections:**

Chief Jed Hansen addressed the council. He stated that they are wanting to start getting inspections done on local businesses. He stated that this is something that is beneficial for businesses. He spoke with Ephraim and they charge \$20 for small buildings and \$50 for the larger buildings. They are also doing a self-business inspection for businesses at home. He stated that for the next two years, that he would like to have the businesses start doing self-inspections to help them move towards getting everything that they need. Then, in two years, the Fire Department would like to start inspecting the businesses. Their goal is to help make businesses safer. Mayor Lori Nay said that as a business owner she thinks it would be helpful to have the reminder and knowledge on keeping them safe. The council agreed that this would be a good thing.

Kelly Chappell – 200 East / Storm Drain Project:

Kelly reviewed the project status and stated that in the original project they wanted to widen cemetery road, add sidewalk and storm drain to 200 East, and storm drainage on 300 west. The city was able to stay in budget and added a second storm drain connection on the west side of town, 500 South between the highway and the grocery store was repaved, 100 North to highway widened, repaved sections 100 North near the hospital and added a large sump. Cleanup is still needed, which includes some landscaping and backfill. Kelly will get a date for the contractor to have to have the job complete.

Kelly also addressed the council about the test wells. He stated the contractor was able to test pump Tarr Canyon. He stated they should be getting done with it tonight. He said they don't have the data out but that everything looked good. J.D. Bunnell took the samples up to Salt Lake today.

J.D. stated that it can take 4-8 weeks before they will have the results. Preliminary samples from a month ago all looked good. Kelly indicated that Tarr Canyon should produce over 1,000 gal a minute.

Kelly reported that Cluff Drilling is at 550 feet at the treatment plant location. The cuttings didn't look very great but once they airlifted it was producing water. Kelly recommended to the Council that they should pump test that well at the current elevation. He said they can also go ahead and drill deeper. He does not believe that going deeper is cost efficient for the City. The Council had some discussion. Kelly stated it will cost another \$250,000 to go to 1,000 feet. The prison test well was less than a mile away and had terrible water at 1,000 feet. The council decided that they would like to test the water now and then if it looks good, they may go deeper.

The Mayor said that they will be meeting with the State tomorrow to ask for money to help with the new wells because half of Gunnison's water goes to the Prison.

Dennis Marker:

Dennis stated that this morning it was made official that the City did not get the CBDG grant and will not be getting money for the Ballpark project. He stated that they lost points based on a previous CDBG grant that they received. They said they had issues with the office and that things were not closed out like they should have been.

He also stated that the Planning and Zoning met last week and went over the code amendment for minor subdivisions. He stated they didn't have any issues with the drafted changes and that they will have a public hearing on it at their next meeting.

J.D. Bunnell:

J.D. stated that he took water samples out to Richfield this week. He stopped by the water district to find out about storage rights for Peacock springs. At first, they told him that we could not store it. He told them that this source was used as culinary in the past. They confirmed that it is a municipal source and as such, the city can store all of it if capable. J.D. stated that with more storage they could store as much as they want.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Rod Taylor:

Noted that the city should consider installing additional streetlights at some intersections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Crane made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

9:37 P.M. Council came out of executive session. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Crane made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

9:44 P.M. Council came out of executive session. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to adjourn at 9:44P.M., Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

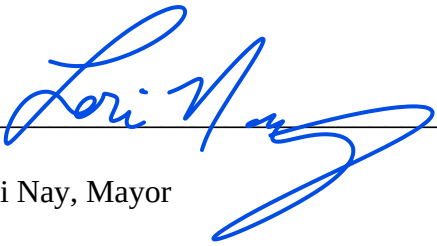
Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Adjournment:

Councilor Andersen made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Crane: Yes, Hill: Yes, Andersen: Yes

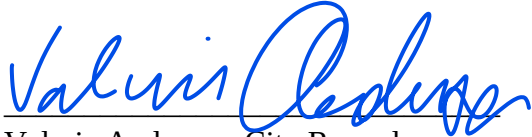


Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date:

February 15th, 2023

Attest:



Valerie Andersen, City Recorder