



City Council Meeting

May 3, 2023

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7 P.M. Mayor Lori Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Stella Hill.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay.

Public Forum

Coleen Ogden – Community Coalition Event on May 22, 2023:

Coleen addressed the Council regarding the Community Coalition event that is coming up on May 22, 2023. The event will be held at Gunnison city park. This will be the third annual event. They will be having games, booths, and food at the park. There will then be a free movie or free swimming. They will also have cotton candy and snow cones. She asked that the city help move the picnic tables to the lawn and help with cleaning and taking out the garbage. JD Bunnell said they would be happy to help with that.

Minutes

March 15 Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2023, meeting, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

April 5 Work Meeting:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 5th, 2023, work meeting, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

April 5 CDBG Public Hearing:

Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 5th, 2023, CDBG Public Hearing, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

April 5 Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 5th, 2023, regular meeting, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills for period ending April 27, 2023, totaling \$216,692.07:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending April 27, 2023, totaling \$216,692.07, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Awarding of Bids, Recognitions, and Appointments

2023 Miss Gunnison:

Miss Gunnison 2023, Abriana Corona, along with her attendants; Tyra Pierce, Meilani Jensen, and Jackie Rodriguez, addressed the Council. Abriana stated that her platform is “dance movement for mental health.” They expressed their love for the community and how excited they are to serve this community. Lindsay Young stated that she would be sending an invoice to Valerie to get scholarships figured out.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing regarding 2023-2024 Tentative Budget:

Councilor Taylor made the motion to open the public hearing regarding the 2023-2024 tentative budget, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

The Council had some discussion going over the tentative budget. Some points of concern included how the city would cover increased costs for the police services, personnel options for the Public Works Department, and possibly holding the city's tax rate for next year. Mr. Marker noted that this is only a tentative budget and that additional changes can be suggested or made before the final budget is set by the Council in June or July depending on the tax rate issue.

Councilor Hill made the motion to close the public hearing regarding the 2023-2024 tentative budget, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 tentative budget, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fee Waivers for City Events:

Occasionally, the city is approached by non-profit groups or other quasi-government entities who would like to participate in city events. The two major events this year include the Community Cares Coalition on May 22 and the 4th of July celebration. Dennis Marker asked the Council if they are willing to waive participation fees or facility rental fees for events if the entity requesting the waiver is a non-profit or other quasi-government entity? He also suggested the Mayor be authorized to waive participation or rental fees in accordance with Council direction.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve fee waivers for city events, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2023 Interlocal Agreement with Sanpete County for Fire Protection Services:

Sanpete County is requesting an updated interlocal agreement with Gunnison City for the provision of fire protection services and vehicle extrication services. The proposed terms of the new agreements are from January 1 to December 31, 2023. The County will pay the city \$11,073.53 for the fire protection services and no additional compensation for vehicle extrication services.

Fire Chief Jed Hansen noted that the contract is standard, and the department is averaging only 1 extrication per month now due to safer cars. He recommended approving the agreements.

Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve the 2023 Interlocal Agreements with Sanpete County for the requested services, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Sanpete County Election Service:

It was proposed that Gunnison City contract with Sanpete County for election services for the 2023 and 2025 primary and general elections. The Gunnison City Recorder will still be responsible for all administrative functions and legal responsibilities and the County will act, regarding the Gunnison City elections, under the direction of the Gunnison City Recorder. Sanpete County will charge Gunnison \$2,175.75 to administer and judge the election process. The rate may go down depending on other jurisdictions also utilizing the county's services. It is estimated that the total staff time and election-related costs would exceed the county's fee.

Valerie Andersen stated that she spoke with City Attorney, Eric Johnson and had him look over the contract. Valerie also went over the details of what her roles are with the election. She has posted the declaration of candidacy and the dates that citizens can apply are June 1-7th from 8 A.M.- 5 P.M. during business days. There are 3 positions coming open, Councilors Hill, Taylor, and Wanner.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the contract with Sanpete County for election services, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Prosecutor Services:

The City's Prosecutor, Arek Butler, has taken employment with the State as of April 29, 2023. Mr. Butler was paid \$800/month for his services. It is proposed that Gunnison contract with Kevin Daniels to fulfill our prosecution services. Mr. Daniels currently serves as the Sanpete County Attorney and provides prosecution services for Centerfield City. It is believed that having the same attorney work with each jurisdiction in the Gunnison Valley Police District service area will provide consistency in work, prosecution, knowledge, and rapport with law enforcement officials.

Councilor Taylor made the motion to finalize the contract for prosecution service with Kevin Daniels, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Double Irrigation Meter Policy:

Public works manager, J.D. Bunnell addressed the Council. He told the Council that he would like some direction for community members that have more than one connection. The irrigation metering project is underway. The scope of the project anticipated one irrigation meter per user. Staff members were approached by a large property owner, and they were asked if a 3-inch meter could be used for the owner's larger parcel, but a smaller, 1-inch, meter be installed for the yard around the home. The homeowner was willing to pay the cost for both meters. It is estimated that 20-30 properties may have a similar situation. The cost of the additional 1-inch meters, with installation, would be less than \$125,000. The irrigation project has a contingency fund of nearly \$1.3 million so there are sufficient funds to cover the additional meters. The Council discussed some of the different scenarios. The Council agreed that they want to investigate this more before they make any decisions. They want to know how many properties have multiple connections.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to table the double irrigation meter policy and to put together a policy as discussed.

Authorization of Staff Training: Mandi Buege, UAPT Conference May 10-12:

The City Treasurer, Mandi Buege, is requesting to attend the Utah Association of Public Treasurers (UAPT) Conference to be held May 10-12 in St George. Mandi is working toward becoming a Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA) with the UAPT. This process requires at least two years of conference attendance along with other training. After getting her CPFA, she is

eligible to sit for a national CPFA certification. The conference provides education points needed to fulfill her education requirements for the state and national CPFA.

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve Mandi Buege UAPT conference, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Flood Mitigation Efforts:

J.D Bunnell let the Council know that things are currently going well. He said that they clean the grates every day at the culverts. Last night was the highest that it has been.

March 2023 Financial Report:

The Mayor stated that they are at 75% for the year, Dennis said that things are good right now. He said that in June they will amend and finalize the current fiscal year and the next year's budgets. He also went over current construction in Gunnison.

Dennis Marker:

Dennis stated that he attended a mandatory meeting in Salt Lake for the CDBG grant money that the City is going to receive for the ballpark project.

Planning and Zoning discussed architectural design standards on Main Street and would like to have a combined meeting with the Council on the 24th to discuss these further. They want to make sure everyone is on the same page moving forward. The Council agreed to meet with the Planning Commission for the discussion.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Mike Wanner:

Mike stated that work will start this summer on the G-hill. He said they have some repairs for the current trail and that they will be adding another section. He said that things are going well for the 4th of July planning.

Stella Hill:

She said that they planted the hanging baskets today and that they are hoping to have them out for Memorial Day.

Lori Nay:

The Mayor wanted to make sure that everyone would be ok with the June dates for Council meetings. Dennis mentioned that they may need a third meeting in the month of June to handle end of year budget items. The Council decided they would move the meeting from the 21st to the 28th.

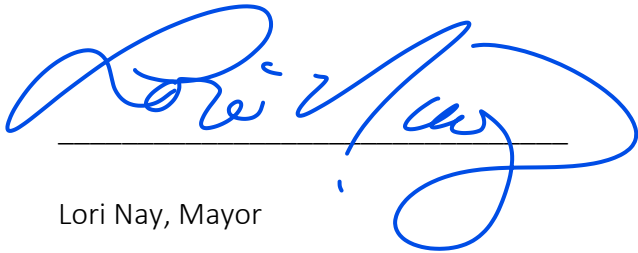
The Mayor signed the City up for Main street USA that gives the City a lot of opportunities for grants. She is looking for help with a committee that is going to help with improving Main Street.

Adjournment:

9:22 P.M. Councilor Andersen made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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



Lori Nay, Mayor

Approval Date: May 17th, 2023

Attest:



Valerie Andersen, City Recorder