



City Council Meeting

May 17, 2023

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7:10 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Shawn Crane.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay.

Public Forum

Gina Freelove:

Gina Freelove addressed the council. Gina stated that she moved here about a year and half ago. She expressed her concern about the possibility of a duplex going up next to her. She has had traumatic experiences in previous places that she has lived in the past. She doesn't think that her neighborhood should be zoned for duplexes. The council went over the current zones and that residential does currently allow duplexes. Gina stated that she feels like she is a target because of her and her husband's disabilities. Some of the council members spoke about some of the current duplexes that are in town have been very well taken care of. They have not seen any increase in the crime rate and say that in general Gunnison is a safe town. Gina asked what she could do to stop the building of a duplex. They let her know that she would need to have a reason for the zoning in Gunnison to be changed.

Minutes

May 3 Regular Council Meeting:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 3, regular meeting, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

May 3 Work Meeting:

Councilor Hill made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 3 work meeting, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Bills for period ending May 12, 2023, totaling \$136,291.90:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending May 12, 2023, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ratification of MOU for Fire Services with the State of Utah:

Gunnison Fire Chief addressed the council. The Utah Department of Natural Resources/Forestry Fire, & State Lands has requested a contract with the Gunnison Fire Department to conduct fuels reduction and fire protection services on state lands. The contract outlines mechanisms for procurement, use, and compensation for Gunnison Fire Department services. The state will pay up to \$100,000 annually for five years (ending 2028) to the department for its services as needed and, in turn, the department must maintain training, insurance and availability of resources as needed by the State. To expedite the services, Chief Jed Hansen and the Mayor have already signed the contract. City policy requires that any multi-year contract having financial obligations upon the city must be approved by the City Council.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the ratification of MOU for fire services with the State of Utah, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Grant from UDOT Aeronautical Division (\$18,400):

The UDOT Aeronautical Division has approved a request for up to \$18,400 of grant funding to provide new signage at the airport. One of the conditions for receiving funding is that the Council must formally accept the award. Request was made to UDOT to replace existing signage on the original T-hangar building and perhaps repair part of that hangar building to support the new

signage. After the application was made, it was determined that it would be better to build a stand-alone sign and not touch the existing hangar, which needs to be torn down.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to accept the Grant from UDOT Aeronautical Division for \$18,400, Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Utah Department of Public Safety Flooding Assistance (\$40,000):

The Utah Department of Public Safety has offered up to \$40,000 to Gunnison to aid in our flood mitigation efforts this spring. The funding is a fully forgivable loan with zero percent interest. To date, the City has incurred over \$41,387.50 in contractor services for levee maintenance work and an additional \$1,680 for engineering services to obtain stream alteration permits. We anticipate some additional costs as the state and feds inspect the levee work and give us a punch list of items to remediate.

Councilor Andersen made the motion to accept the Utah Department of Public Safety Flooding Assistance for \$40,000, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Truth in Taxation for FY 2023-24:

Dennis Marker addressed the council. He stated that the council has hinted towards either raising or keeping the current rate. He stated that because the process of truth in taxation takes a lot of work and time that the council needs to decide on if they want to start heading in that direction. Gary Keddington spoke to the council about the police department budget. Wage and benefits will increase around \$160k for 5 people, this is about a 30% increase. There will also be a cola raise every year. Dennis went over the options with the council. The City currently has a lot of capital projects coming up as well and the council needs to take that into account as well. He also stated that they may want to investigate increasing some of the fees. Rod Taylor stated that he thinks they need to look closer into the budget and see how the City can cut costs. The council had some discussion.

Councilor Crane made the motion to initiate truth in taxation for fiscal year 2023-2024, Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Old Business

Discussion Regarding Tentative Budget Update:

Dennis Marker addressed the council. Based on conversations from the previous council meeting and review of the budget, he went over the recommended changes to the tentative budget. These changes represent a potential general fund net cost of -\$6,882 and potential net benefit to our special accounts of \$603,280 or an overall budget impact of \$596,398. Additional changes may take place as the council continues its review of the budget. The council discussed the changes to the tentative budget. As a council they decided that they would like to take one of the part-time seasonal workers out of the tentative budget which will be a savings of \$20k.

Resolution 2023-01 Approving Secondary Water System Revenue Bonds in the Maximum Amount of \$1,500,000 and Related Matters:

Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 approving secondary water revenue bonds in the maximum amount of \$1,500,000 and related matters, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Dennis Marker:

Wednesday May 24 at 7 P.M the council has a meeting with Planning and Zoning to go over design standards.

The City has received \$30k for flood mitigation and will be receiving another \$10k

G-hill Utah Groundhog study

4 single family home permits

Silent auction for skate park pieces

Valerie Andersen:

Valerie stated that she has been putting together election packets. She is double checking all the language and laws with the City lawyer. She stated that the declaration of candidacy starts on June 1st and will go through the 7th.

Valerie also went over 4th of July Vendors. She stated that they are full with food trucks, but they still have a few tents spots open as well as boutique vendors spaces on the lawn.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Rod Taylor:

Garbage in July?
Moore Electric

Mike Wanner:

Mike stated that G-day is next Wednesday. Holes for the post will be dug ahead of time and then the kids will help put in the posts. He feels like the signs and barriers have kept some of the motorized vehicles away.

Shawn Crane:

Shawn attended the library board meeting, he said everything went well. He said everything is going well with the library.
He also reported the he has a secondary Meter on his lot and he hasn't noticed any difference in pressure.

Stella Hill:

Stella said that they have planted flowerpots and they should go up on Monday. She stated that the cemetery and park look very green and beautiful. She spoke with Melissa Judy and the SBO will help clean up on the family fun night.

Robert Andersen:

Lions Memorial Day lunch, need extra garbage cans.
Benches in the park that were donated by the Lion's club were put in.

Adjournment:

Councilor Hill made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Approval Date: June 7th, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lori Nay", written over a horizontal line.

Lori Nay, Mayor

Attest:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Valerie Andersen", written over a horizontal line.

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder