



City Council Meeting

June 7, 2023

City Council Chambers, 38 West Center

7:01 P.M. Mayor Nay opened the meeting.

Roll Call:

Rodney Taylor, Mike Wanner, Robert Andersen, Lori Nay.

Invocation/Inspirational Thought:

Given by Robert Andersen

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Nay.

Public Forum:

No public comment

Minutes

May 17 Regular Council Meeting:

Mayor Nay found a misspelling, Valerie Andersen was able to fix that in the minutes. Councilor Andersen made the motion to approve the minutes for May 17th with the changed noted, Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Andersen: Yes

May 24 Work Meeting with Planning Commission:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Andersen: Yes

Bills for period ending June 2, 2023, totaling \$207,085.89:

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the bills for the period ending June 2, 2023, Councilor Andersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Taylor: Yes, Wanner: Yes, Andersen: Yes

7:07 P.M. Shawn Crane arrived.

New Business

Discussion Regarding Business License Process:

Dennis Marker spoke with the council. Earlier this year, the Council directed that he revisit the city's business licensing procedures. The intent was to streamline and simplify the regulations and process. He went over the proposed changes to the licensing regulations. Because these changes affect the city's land use regulations, they must receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission before the Council acts on them. Councilor Wanner expressed concern about putting all the approval authority in the hands of the City Administrator and the Council not being apprised of new businesses.

7:12 P.M. Stella Hill arrived.

Old Business

Discussion Regarding Tentative Budget Update:

Dennis Marker stated that he contacted the county to let them know that the city is going to go ahead with truth and taxation. They will hold a public hearing on August 2, 2023. He states that he also had not put into the budget the year-end payout for employees, and he had to add that to the budget. The other item that he spoke to them about was increases for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. He said that the police department has been working on their budget. He wanted the Council to know that the Police budget could be 40% less than the original amount proposed.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution 2023-02 Amending the City Fee Schedule:

Dennis Marker went over the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule as follows:

1. Notary Services. Our City Recorder is now a notary and can provide notary services. We can charge up to \$10 if someone wants to use her notary services.
2. Copy Costs. There have been no copy costs listed in the fee schedule for administration. These will be charged to patrons needing copies of materials.
3. Business License Fees. We'd like to clarify initial licensing fees vs renewals and add a solicitor fee.
4. A foot note has been added relative to park and facility rental deposit fee

reimbursements.

5. Library Patron Fees: Centerfield contributes money to the library each year and it is proposed that Centerfield residents be excluded from paying the patron fee.

6. Development Review Fees. Need to clarify type of developments being charged and adjust the fees based on review times associated with the different development types.

7. Pool Fees. It is proposed that the city institute resident and non-resident fees for various admission and rental costs. Current rates were set for the benefit of city residents who subsidize pool costs each year. Recent tracking of pool patron's residency found many patrons to be coming from outside Gunnison City where they are not contributing the same investment into the pool. The proposed fees are intended to shift some pool subsidy to non-resident patrons. Dennis went over some of the fees that other pools cost. The council thought that \$350 sounded better than \$500 for the family pass. The Mayor stated that she thought having non-residents and residents paying differently is something that they want to do. Mike Wanner suggested that they also drop the individual prices for the yearly pass. They also thought that the single day pass should go up a dollar as well.

8. Garbage Collection. It is proposed to add \$1 to the waste collection fee. It is anticipated that this will increase revenues by \$8,400 to cover some staffing costs for related administration and anticipated fee increase at the county landfills.

9. Multiple Irrigation Meters. It is proposed that the city establish a fee for those households that may have multiple irrigation meters at the end of our installation project. The proposed fee would serve to recover the cost of a meter, its replacement, and maintenance, but not charge households for overall system costs twice. Dennis stated that they may want to go over this change when the public work director J.D. Bunnell is at the meeting. Rod Taylor feels like they need to look more at the irrigation fees. The Council tabled further discussion on the dual meters fees.

Councilor Wanner made the motion to approve the resolution with the changes discussed. Councilor Crane seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 2023-03 Establishing a City Council Ethical Commitment:

Dennis Marker let the council know that by implementing an ethical commitment it can help the city raise their score on the fraud risk assessment with the state auditors.

Councilor Crane made the motion to approve resolution 2023-03 establishing a City Council Ethical Commitment, Councilor Wanner seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 2023-04 Amendments to Personnel Policy Regarding Hiring Processes:

The council discussed the changes that were proposed. Councilor Mike Wanner had a few concerns about a lot of the changes. He felt like a lot of decisions were being taken away from the council. Shawn Crane stated he would like to go over it more before making decisions.

Councilor Wanner moved to table discussion until a future meeting. Seconded by Councilor Crane.

Roll Call:

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

Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards and Committees

Dennis Marker:

Ensign Engineering is wrapping up the sewer design for the industrial park. Construction of the line would be covered with the \$300,000 county grant. Christensen's have talked about a hotel and possible retail shopping that will connect to the line in the future.

CDBG Grant contract should be on the next council meeting for approval. CDBG funds will be available July 1.

The city submitted a CIB application for tar canyon well design efforts.

All the equipment from the Skate Park has been purchased. It will be picked up by bidders.

Val Andersen:

Website: Valerie Andersen went through a mockup design with the council for the new website. The Council agreed that they are ready to take the next steps towards making the site go live. Valerie stated that they will need to do some training and that she will work with civic plus to get the live date.

Election Update: Valerie Andersen stated that the declaration for candidacy ended at 5 P.M. She stated that they will have 5 candidates. Stella Hill and Mike Wanner will both be incumbents, and Sean Jensen, Donald Childs and Holly Bown will also be running. She stated that with 5 candidates that Gunnison will not have to hold a primary election just a general.

Reports by Mayor and Council Members

Stella Hill:

Wanted to praise the maintenance guys for their hard work on the cemetery. The flowerpots are up on Main Street, and they will be planting the beds in the next week. She also reported that they hired 2 part time employees to water flowers.

She also expressed some concern with some of the construction items not being cleaned up from the roads project.

Shawn Crane:

Shawn asked what the city code was for the number of dogs that are allowed on a property.

Dennis let him know that the code does not put a limit on it. The council agreed that they need to investigate this more closely.

He wanted to praise the workers for having the city prepared for the runoff. He is concerned with citizens that aren't staying away from the flood waters.

Mike Wanner:

The fire department wants to purchase new radios. He stated that they are on sale and that they can use CARES act money from the state to offset the cost. The city would only have to pay \$4000 for those.

The 4th of July committee is up and going. They are going to start advertising on social media. He stated that things are going well.

Rod Taylor:

Would like to investigate legal options for animals, nonoperational vehicles, campers on properties with families living in them.

Lori Nay:

The Mayor stated that she would like to look into putting lights on plaza by the clock tower, and that she would like to start having a food truck night right there as well.

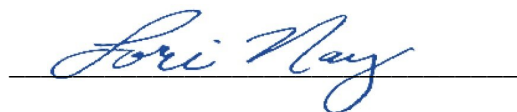
Adjournment:

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

Roll Call:

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

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Lori Nay, Mayor

Attest:

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

Valerie Andersen, City Recorder

Approval Date: 06-28-23