

The following are the approved minutes of the Centerfield City Council meeting held June 21, 2023 in the Centerfield City Hall. Those in attendance; Mayor Travis Leatherwood, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Jackie Huff. Absent Jaden Sorenson.

Other employees in attendance: Stewart Jensen, Lacey Belnap & Randi Hunt
Meeting is being conducted by Mayor Travis Leatherwood
Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

- 1- Roll Call
- 2- Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Leatherwood
- 3- Invocation - Councilman Christensen

Minutes of June 7, 2023

Councilman Hansen moved to approve the minutes from June 7, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0.

Meri Lynn Sorenson- Gunnison Valley Hospital Report

Meri Lynn Sorenson is in attendance to give a report on the Gunnison Valley Hospital. The new Gunnison ambulance building is coming along great as well as the Mid Utah Family Clinic. Both buildings will be done soon. The hospital has recently purchased the Salina pharmacy and Clinic. As of June 1, 2023 there is a urology clinic in Gunnison. The new Manti Clinic and pharmacy is framed up and coming along well. The hospital participated in the Family fun night at the park. It was well attended and a great event for the community.

Public Hearing- Open and amend 2022-2023 Budget

Budget amendments need to be done because the city received more sales tax than anticipated. Original budget was showing taking from savings of about \$59,000. Because of the increased sales tax revenue, no longer will need to take from savings. Budget looks really good. Every enterprise fund is in the positive.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to go into a public hearing to open & amend the 2022-2023 budget at 7:10 PM Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

No comments from the public.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to close the public hearing to open & amend the 2022-2023 budget at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget as amended Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 4-0.

Public Hearing- Discussion and approval of 2023-2024 Budget

Budget has been available since the first of May. Main budget changes are coming from the police department. Officers will receive a 10% market increase, COLA increase of 7%. COLA increase was a little short from last year. Change is being made to help with the market from the Sheriff's department and the prison. Increase to residents of \$5.25 per month.

Second increase is for the fire department budget. GVFD is asking for an additional \$6,000. The portion for Centerfield is roughly \$1,740. Increase of \$.55 per month.

Mayor is unaware of the next budget item. Gary is proposing a \$500 month salary in the budget for Mayor Leatherwood. Current salary is \$250.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss and approve the 2023-2024 budget at 7:24 PM. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Lisa Williams is wondering what the total cost of increases will be to citizens. Currently that amount will be \$10.80. Centerfield council looked really hard and close and did the minimal increases they felt they could. The increase will also help the city with grants.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to close the public hearing to discuss and approve the 2023-2024 budget at 7:29 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0.

Gary Keddington city accountant went over the fraud risk assessment. Centerfield falls in the low risk category.

Public Hearing- Discussion and approval of Ordinance 2023-6 Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule

Mayor Leatherwood pulled up the ordinance and went over all the changes. No questions or concerns from the council.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-6 Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule at 7:37 PM. Seconded by Councilman Hansen. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

No comments from the public.

Councilman Stewart made a motion to close the public hearing to discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-6 Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule at 7:38 PM. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-6 Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0.

Public Hearing- Discussion and approval on adopting an ordinance allowing an assessment associated with Centerfield City irrigation water, including maintenance, metering, upkeep of lines, meters, and irrigation pond

Mayor Leatherwood started off by mentioning this is about irrigation water, the irrigation line, the cost that the city incurs for maintenance of the line, maintenance of the pond, the metering that will be put in place, the costs that will incur as the meters wear out and need replaced,

Councilman Hansen made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss and approve an ordinance allowing an assessment associated with Centerfield City irrigation water, including maintenance, metering, upkeep of lines, meters, and irrigation pond at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Lisa Williams questioned what is proposed? First thing is if you agree or disagree with a fee being charged to maintain everything that was just previously mentioned.

Jed Hansen questioned if the town will hold ownership of the meters, so if a meter breaks, the meter will be replaced by the city. That is correct, it will be just like the culinary water meters. Perry Sorenson clarification on how farmers outside of the city will be paying. The grant only covers residential users. Vote was made by council that anyone on the city's line will be metered. Farmers will need to pay for their own meter. Everyone will be assessed by the amount of shares they have.

Val Jean Hansen questioned if the farmers have been told about grant money available? From what the city is hearing it is better for farmers to go and get their own grant money for meters instead of it going through the city. Scott Christensen would be a great contact about the money the farmers on the Dairy Dam received for meters.

Mark Watters went to the Gunnison Irrigation Board Meeting, they mentioned they can't get the money for the farmers, they have to apply themselves to get the grant money.

Jed Hansen concerned that residents don't know what might be coming with the meters. Mayor suggested passing flyers out to every household. Stewart Jensen mentioned that the

engineering firm the city is using, Garrik Willden will amend a previous version of a letter stating what will be happening and will be sent out to residents with their utility bills.

Stockton Hansen wondering who will cover incidentals? The contractors hired by Centerfield City, P&L will be cautious and cause the least amount of damage to yards. Craig Buelo questioned how will the city monitor the meters? Meters have a "cell tower" that will send the info to the city. Residents will also be able to set up an accountant to monitor their own usage.

Councilman Stewart made a motion to close the public hearing to discuss and approve an ordinance allowing an assessment associated with Centerfield City irrigation water, including maintenance, metering, upkeep of lines, meters, and irrigation pond at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Councilman Huff. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

No vote will be taken tonight. Will hold another public hearing when more answers are available.

Casey Jensen- Residential Concern

Casey is in attendance to protest what he sees as a pride banner on the city park mural. Casey read a statement he had prepared.

Mayor Leatherwood asked to view the petition. Leatherwood asked Casey if he is concerned that if the mural is there it will lead to gay parades and nudity? Leatherwood asked Casey, when is a rainbow a rainbow?

In the fall of 2022 there were several proposals submitted to the city and voted on by the city council unanimously. It was a black and white, sketch. The artist was asked to stay within "normal" boundaries. Councilwoman Huff is overseeing the project and things have been going well. What is currently on the building is in no way complete. There will be words of encouragement, flowers, clouds, and the suicide hotline phone number.

Talulah, the artist, spoke up and said she did not choose the painting to have anything with gay pride. To Talula, the painting is of beauty, there is a rainbow around the corner after dark skies, that is only the background. So much more beauty will be added and the majority of the rainbow will be covered up. Talulah plead that the mural is not removed and that she will be allowed to finish the mural.

Mayor Leatherwood asked Talulah to put the sketch into color and the city can post it on the website to show what the finished product will look like. Will also be discussed again at the next city council meeting.

Doug Burrel commented that if the intent was to support gay pride, then he would have a problem with that. But after listening to what Talulah's intent is, Doug has no problem with the mural. The intent was for gray skies and a rainbow after a storm.

There were several comments from residents and non residents. Majority are in favor of seeing the finished product.

Suggestion was made to have an artist's interpretation of her interpretation of what the mural means. Also to have Talulah's interpretation of the mural hung on the mural so everyone can know her feelings and reasoning behind her painting.

Unfinished Business/Report of Council Members

Marci Childs

Marci Childs is in attendance to discuss the 24th of July celebration. Marci has agreed to be the chairman of the group for the next 3 years. Marci is wondering if she has a budget she can work within? Marci has talked to a couple different bounce house companies, she has the 4H club kids lined up to help with the games. Marci plans to have a watermelon eating contest, pie eating contest, sack races, three-legged race, egg toss, water toss, Just good old fashion games. All of these things Marci would need roughly \$1,000. A variety of food trucks are lined up to attend. They will be required to pay the city a \$50 special event fee. Council agreed to not charge for any of the events and games. Mayor has an administrative budget that will cover the costs. Need to decide on a grand marshal and talk to them to see if they are willing. Marci will get in contact with the radio station to see about advertising the event and playing music at the park afterwards like they have done in the past. Recorder Belnap will get Marci the information on the radio. Marci will also get a flier out that can be distributed and shared throughout town.

Jackie Huff-

Councilwoman Huff will get with Recorder Belnap to get a bid in the paper for the cemetery and park project.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss litigation. Seconded by Councilman Hansen at 9:04 PM. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to go out of a closed session to discuss litigation. Seconded by Councilman Hansen at 9:45 PM. Carries 4-0. Roll Call- Yea Councilwoman Huff, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Christensen, Councilman Stewart.

Back in the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:45 PM.

Councilwoman Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Lacey Belnap Lacey Belnap, City Recorder
Travis Leatherwood Travis Leatherwood, Mayor
July 5, 2023 Approval Date