

PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**March 27, 2012
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

**LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
25 SOUTH 200 EAST
PANGUITCH, UTAH 84759**

Present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Lori Talbot, City Manager Allen K. Henrie, City Recorder Donna Osborn, City Council Members Eric Houston, Rick Miller, Laura Mosdell, Nick Reynolds, Tim Smith and Attorney Barry Huntington.

OPENING CEREMONY

Nick Reynolds conducted the opening ceremony.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Laura Mosdell moved, seconded by Tim Smith to adopt the agenda as outlined. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to approve the minutes for the meeting on March 13, 2012. The motion passed with all in favor.

UP COMING MEETINGS

- Martin Nay - Justice Court Conference - April 11-14, 2012 - St. George

Allen Henrie informed the council that this is a necessary training for Martin to continue his accreditation for the Justice Court.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve Martin Nay's attendance at the Justice Court Conference. The motion passed with all in favor.

- EIS BLM Consulting Meeting - May 16, 2012 - Kanab

Mayor Lori Talbot informed the council that Larry Johnson will forward more information on this meeting to her.

- Republican County Convention - April 6, 2012 - Triple C Arena - 6:00 p.m.
Some candidates will be present at this meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSE - VACATION RENTAL ON HOUSE - JEFF TAYLOR

This issue will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission, but Allen Henrie wanted the Council to be aware of the vacation home rental businesses that are becoming more common in Panguitch. Allen feels that these vacation home rentals should be required to have a business license and be subject to resort taxes, since they are in competition with established motels. Attorney Barry Huntington informed the Council that running the vacation rental homes

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without a business license or city knowledge is illegal, and those home owners could be charged with a class B misdemeanor.

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Tim Smith to table the business license on the vacation rental until the Planning & Zoning Commission has made a recommendation to the Council. The motion passed with all in favor.

FIRE TRUCK - APPLY FOR CDBG GRANT

Fire Chief Dave Dodds was present with firemen Russell Bulkley, Gary Leach, Mike Johnson, Andy Black, and Justin Peterson to inform the council on the need for a new fire truck. The Fire Department has 3 fire trucks; the oldest truck is a 31 year old 1981 Chevy one ton truck. There are several problems with this truck; it is overloaded with equipment, it is difficult to drive, and it only carries 250 gallons of water.

Dave Dodds distributed a concept drawing of the proposed new fire truck. The equipment could be transferred from the old truck to the new truck with the addition of 2 self contained breathing apparatus. The total cost of the new truck and apparatus would be \$180,000 to \$200,000.

Chief Dodds recommended that Mayor Talbot meet with the County Commission. 70% of the runs for the fire department last year were in the county. The County has promised \$50,000 toward the new fire truck. The Fire Department would like to apply for a CDBG grant to help with some of the cost. The maximum amount the CDBG will award for any project is \$150,000. The demonstration of community support is important when applying for the grant. The CDBG grant process is quite involved and requires a community survey to be completed and a mandatory grant writing course to be attended by an elected official and a fireman. Allen Henrie will call Gary Sabriskee from the Five County Association of Governments to get a time-line for the grant process.

Chief Dodds informed the Council about ISO (International Organization for Standardization) ratings. These ratings are based on the City's level of public protection and helps to determine fire insurance costs for home and business owners in the community. The lower the rating number, the better the ISO rating. Panguitch City currently has an ISO rating of 6.

Dave Dodds reported that the fire department is working on establishing a special service district for county fire protection. This would provide a county tax base to help provide for fire protection.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to support the Fire Department in moving forward with the CDBG grant application for a new fire truck and apparatus. The motion passed with all in favor.

SWIMMING POOL

The discussion centered on the issue of whether to repair and open the existing pool or to seek community support to build a new pool. Mayor Lori Talbot reported that when she visited with Garfield County School Board President Ken Platt, he informed her that the school district has no money to repair the existing pool or buy out the City's interest in the pool.

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Allen Henrie met with Superintendent Ben Dalton. Mr. Dalton agreed that the City has an easement and does own the building housing the pool. Therefore, the City could come in and repair and run the pool. Mr. Dalton suggested that the value of the building be considered separate from the pool. Currently, the district has insured the building housing the pool for \$250,000.

The estimated cost to put in a new heating system, ventilation system, and repair the leaks in the existing pool would be \$300,000. The possible cost of constructing a new pool and building would be \$500,000 to \$800,000. This would be a smaller and shallower pool.

Either option with the pool would require raising taxes to subsidize the costs. Allen Henrie will gather information on the possible costs of the pool and determine the approximate necessary increase in taxes. Public opinion will be sought through a survey or possibly a ballot question in the general election this fall.

Attorney Barry Huntington will contact the School District's attorney to negotiate a possible satisfactory purchase price and terms for the building housing the current pool.

PRIORITY LIST

Several of the items on the priority list were designated as routine maintenance issues. Allen Henrie will work with the maintenance crew to determine and provide for these needs. The backhoe has been ordered, and we have committed to support the fire department in obtaining a new fire truck. The new fire truck will likely fall into next year's budget.

The need to provide for maintenance and upgrading of city infrastructure was discussed. It was recommended that the City set up capital improvement funds to help provide for updating equipment and meeting maintenance costs of infrastructure. The last 2 years the cost of chip sealing city streets has exceeded the Class C Road funds and dipped heavily into the city funds. The Class C Road funds amount to approximately \$75,000 a year, and the city has budgeted an additional \$25,000 a year for streets. This is not sufficient to cover the cost of chip sealing a quarter of the city streets annually.

Allen Henrie informed the Council that eventually the city will have to raise taxes and charges for sewer and water. Property taxes for the City have not raised for 20 years; sewer fees have remained the same for 15 years; and there have been only a few small increases in water fees over the years.

The council agreed that the priority at this time would be the needs at the City Office for a new heating and air conditioning system, setting up a visitor's center at the City Office, and possibly new airlock doors at both entrances. Allen Henrie will get estimates for a heating and air conditioning system and cost of new airlock doors.

NEW FESTIVAL - RANDY YARD

Becky Yard presented plans for an annual Panguitch Western Round-Up Festival to be held the weekend of Memorial Day. The kick-off event this year will be on Saturday May 26, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. and will feature a book signing of "Butch Cassidy, My Uncle" by Bill Betenson and "Finding the Sundance Kid" by Marilyn Grace.

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Other events for the festival this year will include the Giant Yard Sale, a Harley parade, Local food and merchandise, best dressed wild west contest, share your family "Butch Cassidy" story, shootout, hot air balloon set up, music by Kenny Hall, and a showing of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid movie at the Gem Theater.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER BILL - PAY AUTOMATICALLY WITH CITY CREDIT CARD

The City is currently receiving approximately \$2000 a month through customer credit card payments. The fees for this service amount to approximately \$60 a month. Zions Bank offers a 1% cash back on credit card purchases. If the City pays the monthly Rocky Mountain Power bill of about \$5000 a month with a city credit card, there would be approximately \$45-\$50 cash back, which would help to offset the cost of accepting credit card payments from customers. The City would like to take advantage of this if the auditors will allow this practice.

Eric Houston moved, seconded by Tim Smith to pay the Rocky Mountain Power bill automatically with a city credit card. The motion passed with all in favor.

MULTI PURPOSE EVENT CENTER

Doug Tebbs will have a Team Roping event in the Triple C Arena this weekend. Tony Beckstead and the maintenance crew have been fixing the gates and finishing the run backs.

Attorney Barry Huntington has the stall rental agreement ready.

PENDING BUSINESS

Burdell Henrie's power is completed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Library Board Meeting** Laura Mosdell attended the library board meeting held on March 22, 2012. Barbara Talbot was elected as the new chairman. Bookmobile technician Kathy Petersen will be traveling to Arlington, VA for training on a new State Library sponsored internet job search program entitled Compass. A CLEF grant in the amount of \$4800 was received for library materials, technology, and outreach services.

- **Coalition for drug abuse prevention** Tim Smith reported that Melissa Veater is continuing the drug abuse prevention program on a volunteer basis. She is planning a prevention activity on May 7, 2012 to include a motivational speaker, and she would like a donation from the city for this activity. Tim and Eric reported that the drug turn in day was a success.

- **Old Fire Station** Barry Huntington has the draft for the lease agreement on the Old Fire Station ready.

- **Community Covenant Program** Barry Huntington will establish a contact for the Community Covenant Program to support our military troops and their families.

- **West Panguitch Irrigation** Allen Henrie reported that West Panguitch Irrigation Company has chosen an engineer for the pipeline funded by CUP.

- **Evans Property** Allen Henrie reported that Darlene Evans has signed the contract for the purchase of the Evans property, but there are issues with Reagan sign company who has

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a billboard sign on the property. They are uncooperative and Barry Huntington may need to get involved in this issue.

- **Air, Seismic, and Noise Monitor** The cost to rent equipment to monitor the air quality, seismic activity and noise generated on Main Street due to the additional semi truck traffic would be about \$4000 to \$5000 a month. An ongoing study is already in progress. The Council does not feel that spending this amount of taxpayers' money would be responsible at this time. Rick Miller commented that the newer trucks run cleaner, and most Barney trucks are 2011 with none older than 2007. Randy Yard commented that the streets are dirtier and requested that the loads be covered.

CURRENT BILLS The council reviewed the current bills to be paid.

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Tim Smith to pay the current bills. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8: 25 p.m.

Lori Talbot, Mayor

Donna Osborn, City Recorder