

**GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers
125 E. Center Street
Moab, UT**

March 4, 2008

The Grand County Council met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Grand County Courthouse located at 125 E. Center Street, Moab, Utah. Chairman Gene Ciarus called the Afternoon Session of the Council Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were Council members Gene Ciarus, Joette Langianese, Jim Lewis, Patricia Holyoak, Bob Greenberg, Jerry McNeely and Audrey Graham along with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll.

Elected Official Reports

Sheriff Nyland reported on the recent legislative session in which he spoke on behalf of the Utah Sheriff's Association in favor of SB 181. The bill authorizes a person to operate a street-legal all-terrain vehicle on certain highways and also authorizes a municipality or county to designate a highway under its respective jurisdiction as open to street-legal OHVs. Sheriff Nyland will come back to the Council with his recommendation of roads to designate as open to OHV use and report on the impact the designation would create.

Agency Reports

State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands representative Bryan Torgerson gave a report on the installation of wildlife guzzlers in the Book Cliffs area. The Resource Development Coordinating Committee will be working with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources on the project. The guzzlers will provide needed water to wildlife in the area with no impacts expected.

Presentations

Council Administrator Shawn Warnke gave an overview of the Pay for Performance Program and reported that the Maintenance Department has completed their Strategic Plan and is ready for implementation. Human Resource Director Pat Byrd explained the salary survey recently completed for the Maintenance Department in which she compared salaries of other Fourth and Fifth Class counties as well as comparing other statewide counties and surrounding states. The data collected showed Grand County salaries to be below most other comparable positions and job descriptions. Pat recommended reclassification of several positions placing them within the average range of other Fourth and Fifth Class counties. This will result in a budget impact to the Maintenance Department of \$15, 043. The County Council raised concern about funding the Pay for Performance Program at the recommended level.

Discussion Items

Introduction of Scott Martin Advisory Counsel to Grand County on Atlas Tailing Project

Scott Martin was unable to attend the meeting. Council Member Joette Langianese advised that he will be in Moab again and will meet with the Council at that time.

Discussion Regarding the Local Homeless Coordinating Committee's Ten Year Plan for Housing and Homelessness

Council Member Audrey Graham reported that the Ten Year Plan for Housing and Homelessness is now ready for public presentation. The local homeless coordinating committee is asking for Grand

County Council to indicate that they approve and agree with the plan. The Council thanked Council Member Graham for her dedication to help prevent homelessness in Grand County.

Discussion Regarding Proposed Amendments to a Resolution Establishing the Grand County Historical Preservation Commission

Historical Preservation Committee Member Bruce Louthan reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Council and recommended approval. This proposed resolution will be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Action Items

Discussion and Consideration of Approving an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Landscape Maintenance for the Family Support Center between Grand County and Moab City

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the Interlocal Agreement as proposed. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 7 – 0. The Council thanked Jolynn Badame for her efforts in the implementation of the Family Support Center.

8. Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Letter to Owners of Trailers Regarding Not Renewing Ground Leases at the Canyonlands Field

Grand County Building Official Jeff Whitney recommended the mobile homes at the Airport be removed from the property. There were never building permits issued for the trailers. The Airport Board recently heard a request from Skydive Moab for an eight month ~~retrieve-reprieve~~ from moving the trailer that houses the Skydive office. This reprieve is predicated upon Redtail negotiating a lease with the county for the building and Skydive Moab negotiating a lease with Redtail for its use. The Airport Board agrees and feels the trailers are unsightly at the entrance to the Airport and serve no economic purpose. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the Airport Manager sending a letter to the owners of the trailers. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis carried 7 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Resolution of Grand County Annexing Certain Real Property into the Grand County Special Service Water District

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to approve the resolution as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis. Council Member Lewis is concerned about language in the resolution being construed to indicate supplying water other than secondary to the land. Another whereas will be added to the resolution to specify that only “secondary” water will be supplied. Motion carried 6 – 1 with Council Member Graham opposed.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Utility Easement from Green River to Crescent Junction for a Proposed Water Line (Mark Wright)

The Department of Energy is requesting easement from the County along three unimproved roads in Grand County, CR-328, CR-225 and CR-223. The easement will provide for the construction of a 6” water line to supply water to the disposal cell for the UMPTRA project at Crescent Junction.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to table this item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

Other Administrative

Council Administrator Shawn Warnke will hold training for new board members, Wednesday March 5, 2008. At the request of Council Member Langianese a retreat will be held on June 27, 2008 with the time and location to be announced at a later date.

Grand County Engineer Mark Wright met recently with UDOT and Moab City where it was reported that the Colorado River highway bridge project is over budget. \$10 million dollars has been allocated to the north corridor project and UDOT will pull \$9 million dollars from that project for the bridge.

Council Member Greenberg would like a formal request to ~~come from~~ the Sheriff regarding his recommendation for roads to be opened to Off Highway Vehicles.

Council Member Langianese suggested a legislative committee be established for the 2009 Legislative Session. The committee should consist of elected officials from Grand County who meet and have consensus regarding legislative issues.

Council Member Jerry McNeely met with the Bureau of Land Management who informed him they received a letter from Council Member Greenberg requesting the agenda of future meetings be sent to him. Council Member McNeely voiced his concern of Council Members sending letters on Grand County letter head indicating Council approval. Council Member Langianese noted that the procedure in the past is that Council Members do not send letters on county letter head without the approval of the Council and signed by the Chairman. In the future letters could be added to the consent agenda.

Recess at 5:20 p.m.

The evening session of the Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gene Ciarus. Present were Council Members Ciarus, Greenberg, Langianese, Holyoak, Lewis, McNeely and Graham with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Krissie Killoy.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to table the minutes of the February 6, 2008 Council meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 Council meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham carried 6 – 1. Council Member McNeely abstained as he was absent February 19, 2008.

Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patricia Holyoak to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$466,562.30. Accounts payable check numbers 53553 – 53710 totaling \$346,973.95 and payroll in the amount of \$119,588.35. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried with a 7 – 0 roll call.

Citizens to be Heard

Bill Love spoke regarding recent road improvements in the Cisco oil field area and thinks the County should be involved as trucks are driving on our bridges. Bill also informed the Council that the Red Rock Speedway lease has been broken twice as they do not have insurance.

Pete Gross informed the Council that the owner of the Gemini Bridge parking area is charging an access fee for parking there.

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Reclassification of the Facility Supervisor Position

Approval of the Reclassification of the Maintenance Technician Position

Approval of the Brunner & Gotway Minor Recorder of Survey

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely. Council Member Lewis noted that with his questions being answered in today's workshop he is comfortable with the reclassification. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing for Four Corners Community Behavioral Health

Jan Bodily of Four Corners Community Behavioral Health Executive Director advised that the Grand County Council is the local authority ~~of FCCBH~~for mental health and substance abuse and required to hold a public hearing to solicit input on mental health and substance abuse needs in the county. These comments will be used as the annual area plan is prepared to submit to the State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. There were no public comments. The public hearing will remain open to comment for a two week period.

Continuation of a Public Hearing on the Spanish Valley Transportation Master Plan

The Land Use Development and Management Act require that a transportation and traffic circulation element be a part of the Grand County General Plan. The Spanish Valley Transportation Master Plan is an updated transportation study to provide short and long-range recommendations for roadway improvements that will accommodate future traffic projections. The Planning Commission reviewed the Spanish Valley Transportation Master Plan and recommended approval.

Rob Welch a Marshall Lane resident spoke in opposition of the ~~plan~~Murphy Lane-Spanish Valley Drive connector at Marshall Lane as future projections of population in Spanish Valley show an increase of 500 residents in 10 years. Rob would like to see rural character remain on Murphy Lane.

Chris Murray a Marshall Lane resident spoke in opposition to the Murphy Lane-Spanish Valley Drive connector at Marshall Lane of the plan stating that flooding from Kayenta Heights is a problem.

Joe Kiffmeyer a Murphy Lane resident agrees with others speaking in opposition and feels property taxes are already high.

Council Member Jim Lewis noted that the project is not going to be built in the near future but a plan must be in place to receive federal funds.

Dave Hurst a Beeman Road resident spoke regarding heavy traffic in the area and requested a lower speed limit for Beeman Road.

Pam Tanner-Murray a Murphy Lane resident applauded the council for looking at transportation issues but would like to see the Marshall Lane connector taken out of the plan

Lita Welch a Marshall Lane resident requested the plan be put on hold.

Written comments will be accepted for two more weeks. The Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

General Business- Action Items

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Resolution Adopting the Spanish Valley Transportation Master Plan

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to table adopting the resolution until the March 18th meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Puesta Del Sol, Phase 6 Final Plat

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the Subdivision Improvements Agreement subject to the addition of language in paragraph 4 to allow the use of the 10% retention funds should the County be required to complete the project. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 7 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving Appointments to the Grand County Planning Commission

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to appoint Chris Baird to the Grand County Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham. Council Member Greenberg feels it is important that the Planning Commission be broad based to represent the entire community. Council Member Graham praised the work done by Chris Baird as Planning Commissioner. Council Member McNeely stressed that the Planning Commission recommended Dave Cozzens and Charles Pipkin be appointed and the Council should follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4 – 3 with Council Members Ciarus, McNeely and Lewis opposed. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to appoint Dave Cozzens to the Grand County Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 5 – 2 with Council Members Greenberg and Graham opposed.

Council Reports

Council Member Langianese gave an update of the Atlas Tailings project. Both rail and truck will be considered as a mode of transportation when the tailings pile is moved.

Council Member Greenberg reported the Airport Board recently adopted revised by-laws. It is recommended the board go back to seven members with one appointed to represent the Travel Council and one to represent Moab City.

Council Member Graham announced the Affordable Housing Plan is complete and will be presented at a workshop held at the Moab City offices.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

Gene Ciarus
Grand Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor