

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2005

Grand County Council met in regular session on the above date. Present were Councilmen Jerry McNeely, chairman presiding, Judy Carmichael, Nate Knight, Rex Tanner, Joette Langianese, Audrey Graham and Jim Lewis with Clerk Fran Townsend.

ELECTED OFFICIAL & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Marian Delay – Travel Council quarterly report – TRT collections are up 5% with 19 properties still out. Once these properties have made their payment it will probably result in TRT up over 9% from last year. Website Leads/ up 25%. Discovermoab.com link through: which goes through to businesses is up 34%.
Monday – Marian went to SLC to legislative Tourism Task Force Meeting in response to a letter received from Brent Gardner. This task force has been working for the past year to design a report each county would use to report every year how they spend their money – in a uniform way. Final decision – not trying to take money away, but want reporting to be uniform. Legislative action will change how we report.

Tim Smith with Utah State Parks reported they are starting a resource plan for Dead Horse State Park and invited the Council to participate. He invited the council & spouse to a dinner on November 17 to discuss the future plans.

A. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN: The recommendation from Diana Carroll, acting Personnel Director is to accept a proposal from Value care/Blue Cross for our health insurance. Benefits will still be the same but at a lower cost to the county. We will be able to network with Colorado. **Motion: Councilman Langianese moved to approve option plan #1 (Diana's recommendation seconded by Carmichael. Motion carried 7-0.** We will have open enrollment which will be November 18th. Diana will notify employees of the change through the payroll.

NACO Drug plan – drug companies will provide cards – inmates can have cards and that would help our costs for providing medical care to our jail inmates. There will be no cost to the counties.

B. CORRECTION OF PROPERTY TAX ERRORS: Laura Joss property was taxed as a secondary residence. It should be taxed as primary. This will result in the property owner paying taxes on 55% of the market value of the home instead of 100%. **Motion: Carmichael moved to approve the change seconded by Tanner. Roll call vote - Carmichael – aye, Knight – aye, Tanner – aye, Langianese – aye, McNeely – aye, Graham – aye and Lewis – aye. Motion carried 7-0.**

C. APPROVAL OF A DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: The Property Management Division met and discussed the status of Tract D parcel of land located in Coronado Park Subdivision in San Juan County. It is their recommendation this be declared surplus property and the council move forward with disposal of said property. Councilman Graham stated the land is located in San Juan County and we can use the funds for infrastructure on land and property purchases we have made. Motion: Graham moved to declare Tract D Parcel of land located in Coronado Park Subdivision in San Juan County surplus and move forward with disposal of that property. Motion was withdrawn. Motion: Graham moved to direct County Clerk or Hattie to proceed with public notice to declare intent to proceed with procedure to declare property surplus. Motion died for lack of second. **Motion: Tanner moved to approve intent to declare Tract D Parcel of land located in Coronado Park Subdivision in San Juan County surplus property and proceed with public hearing seconded by Lewis, Carmichael, Knight, Tanner, McNeely, Graham and Lewis voted aye, Langianese voted no. Motion carried – 6-1.**

D. RESOLUTION GRANTING BACK-PAY TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES: Motion: Carmichael moved to adopt resolution seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0. Roll call vote - Carmichael – aye, Knight – aye, Tanner – aye, Langianese – aye, McNeely – aye, Graham – aye and Lewis – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

E. CONTRACT FOR FACILITIES PLANNER: If hired, the planner will take inventory and give analysis of existing buildings. There would be additional travel expense if we request additional scope of works. Travel is covered in this contract. Councilman McNeely raised the question – do we have to put it out to bid? Our policy allows for hiring architect & engineer services without putting out to bid. **Motion: Tanner moved to table until we have administrator on board seconded by Graham. Lewis, Graham, McNeely, Tanner and Knight voted aye, Carmichael and Langianese voted no. Motion carried 5-2.**

F. CONTRACT FOR REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. This Contract is with James C. Barker. He will be working on procuring funding through appropriations for helping with the Atlas Tailings removal. **Motion: Langianese moved to approve contract seconded by Carmichael.** Question concerning the compensation part - pay \$4000 in October. – has he already started? Travel - Knight has a problem with approval of additional expense above \$12000 a month expense. **Roll call vote - Carmichael – aye, Knight – aye, Tanner – aye, Langianese – aye, McNeely – aye, Graham – aye and Lewis – aye. Motion carried 7-0.**

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Dept of Radiation control board meeting will be held this Friday from 1:30- to 4:00 p.m. Subcontractor for Grand Center submitted a bill for an additional \$900 for stucco on a wall. There was no change

order approved. They were asked to experiment on a small place to see how it looked. Instead they did a whole wall.

Administrator selection process – phone interviews went well. They started with 38 people – narrowed these down to 9, then down to six. They are moving forward with personal interviews to be held November 14th or 15th.

Lewis moved to recess seconded by Graham. Motion carried 7-0.

Langianese was not present for the evening meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lance Christie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lewis moved to table approval of minutes seconded by Graham. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Carmichael moved to approve bills in the amount of \$297,957.22 plus payroll in the amount of \$106,230.12 for a total of \$404,187.34 seconded by Knight. **Roll call vote - Carmichael – aye, Knight – aye, Tanner – aye, McNeely – aye, Graham – aye and Lewis – aye. Motion carried 6-0**

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Teresa King– received a letter from state arts council who will be in Moab and interviewing people, etc.. There will be a luncheon tomorrow and a town hall meeting at 7:30 at the MARC. A Workshop will be held at Redcliffs Lodge. Teresa is chairman of the local arts council.

Jack Campbell – made a statement about the Planning & Zoning Committee. He feels there is unethical behavior in decisions made by the Committee. Feels there is a conflict – people making decisions on issues that benefit them personally financially.

Marcus LaFrance – here on behalf of the Dan O’Laurie Museum. November is annual membership drive. He invited the council to visit the museum and see what a valuable resource and asset this is to the county.

H. Presentation of Plaque to Kent Green for 20 Years of Service to Grand County Sheriff Department: - tabled.

I. PRESENTATION REGARDING EMERGING MODERATE INCOME HOUSING CRISIS: Presented by Bob Maxwell and Lance Christie. Earlier this year city and county approved a five-year Economic Development plan at a cost to county and city. They met with Senator Bennett’s office to discuss what can be done to create rural business in Moab – Grand County. Problem = not enough housing to house low and moderate income personnel to accommodate

them. Many secondary homes are being built. It is difficult to fill jobs that business need filled. We need to bring in businesses that can pay more – not just seasonal. They are looking at a destination college. This creates jobs so we have less unemployment. Where would we house these people? Nothing is available. We need primary homes for low and moderate income people. Two and one half percent of non agricultural jobs have been lost since last year.

Lance Christie – moderate income housing plan is required by legislature. Highest percent of wages are spent here on housing than any other county in the state. Over half of houses available for rent in Grand County are not affordable as employees do not make enough money to afford their rent. Lack of housing puts a crimp in our economic development. Housing Authority of SE Utah – and Moab Housing Coalition work together to promote affordable housing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

J. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON RESOURCE BLVD: Request is submitted by Gary & Jill Jacobsen on behalf of Skip and Frankie Nightingale and Richard and Sharon McElhaney. Subject property consists of approximately 32.4 acres, located between Highway 191 and Spanish Valley Drive. Request is to rezone from GB (General Business and RR(Rural Residential) to HC – Highway Commercial and MFR-8 (Multi-family Residential,)

Mary Hofhine read into the record the following: Grand County Land Use code as amended to date, Grand County Master Plan as amended to date, Public Hearing notice and Memo to County Council. This property is located in the McKnight Industrial Subdivision zoned GB. They wish to rezone inner parcels. Drainage will be addressed by developer. Road systems will be developed.

Comments from Public – None. Public Hearing closed.

K. ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON RESOURCE BLVD, MOAB, UTAH: Motion: Carmichael moved to adopt ordinance seconded by Knight. Tanner abstained, rest voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Considerations: **Motion: Lewis moved that we send the letter to Mr. Manwill, Project Manager for UDOT stating that we will be the Lead Agency and Moab City will be the Cooperating Agency for the Moab bike path from Lions Park to 5th West. Seconded by Carmichael. Motion carried 6-0.**

Future Agenda Items – talk about assessed valuation and taxes
Have SITLA come in concerning development
Carmichael moved to adjourn seconded by Lewis. All voted aye.

Jerry McNeely, Chairman

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