

GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2007

The Grand County Council met on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse located at 125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah. Chairman Jim Lewis called the Workshop Session of the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The afternoon session of the Council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members Jim Lewis, Patricia Holyoak, Joette Langianese, Gene Ciarus, Bob Greenberg, Jerry McNeely and Audrey Graham along with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll.

Agency Reports

A. Report on Recent County Wild Land Fires (Allen Briggs)

Grand County Fire Warden Allen Briggs, reported on recent fires in the area. The largest being the Pole Canyon Fire which was started by lightening. Initial interagency attacks were strong and the fire was quickly contained.

B. Report on Proposed Power Line Easement on School Trust Lands Located in Township 26 South, Range 25 East (Bryan Torgerson)

Bryan Torgerson updated the Council on the power line easement in the Taylor Flat area of the LaSal Mountain. The original application has changed and the power line will now be a more direct line to Redd Ranches and will connect to the existing line crossing Taylor Flat.

Presentations

C. Presentation Regarding Proposed Agreement with the Federal Government for Federal Reserved Water Rights for Arches National Park and Natural Bridges National Monument (Jerry Olds, State Engineer & Marc Stilson, Regional Engineer)

State Engineer Jerry Olds informed the Council of a proposed agreement for Federal Reserved Water Rights in the Natural Bridges National Monument area between Utah State and the Navajo Nation. The State is nearing settlement with the Navajo Nation and is working cooperatively with the Federal Government to develop a mainline water supply.

Boyd Clayton, Regional Engineer told the Council that the State is also close to finishing the water rights agreement for Arches National Park. The final step will be the adjudication of water rights and using the depletion method would allow 150 acre feet of water from Courthouse Wash. The area being adjudicated is the Salt Wash drainage and the State will provide the County a map denoted the actual area involved.

D. Presentation of an Award of Excellence to Eve Tallman From the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) (Audrey Graham)

Council member and Library Board liaison Audrey Graham and Library Board members Al McLeod and Kathy Wilson presented an Award of Excellence from Utah Association of Counties to Library Director Eve Tallman in recognition of her efforts during the construction of the new Library.

General Business

E. Discussion and Consideration of Making a Formal Recommendation to the Federal Department of Transportation Regarding the Essential Air Service Contract (Bob Greenberg)

Council member Bob Greenberg reported that the Airport Board did not endorse any of the bidders for the Essential Air Service Contract instead they recommended the County request the FAA re-bid the service contract. The comment period has been extended to September 6th and Council member Greenberg will present information to Moab City and ask for their recommendation. Tom and Bob Wilkins owners of Salmon Air were in the audience and spoke to the Council of future plans they propose for Grand County air service.

If awarded the contract Salmon Air would use a seven passenger plane and as needed would supply a second plane for passengers. MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to not endorse a carrier until the requested FAA re-bid. Motion died for lack of a second. MOTION: Motion by Council member Gene Ciarus to table the agenda item until after the City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Audrey Graham carried 6 – 1 with Council member Bob Greenberg opposed.

F. Discussion and Consideration of Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Moab City Regarding Animal Control and Animal Shelter (Sheriff Jim Nyland & Shawn Warnke)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to approve the agreement with an adjustment to paragraph four to include adding “decreases” and “funded for the remainder of this year through discretionary funds”. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry McNeely carried 6 – 1 with Council member Gene Ciarus opposed.

G. Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Contract with Dave Wagstaff For the Construction of a Free-standing Shade Structure at the Slickrock Trailhead in the Sand Flats Recreation Area- Purchasing Policy Followed (Andrea Brand & T. Jason Turner)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Audrey Graham to approve the contract as submitted. Motion seconded by Council member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

H. Discussion and Consideration of Approving and Inter-local Agreement with Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments for Aging and Nutrition (Verleen Striblen & Shawn Warnke)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Joette Langianese to approve the Interlocal agreement. Motion seconded by Council member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

I. Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Quit Claim Deed for Tract A in the Spanish Valley Estates Addition 1 to the Moab Fire District (Shawn Warnke)

The original deed came from property owner Horace Beeman to Grand County with the intent that Moab Valley Fire Protection District would build a fire station on the property. This deed transfers ownership from Grand County to MVFPD. MOTION: Motion by Council member Jerry McNeely to execute the quit claim deed. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

J. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Library Director Job Description (Shawn Warnke and Al McLeod)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to approve the Library Director Job Description. Motion seconded by Council member Audrey Graham carried 7 – 0.

K. Discussion and Consideration of Library Board’s Recommendation Regarding the Library Board Directors Replacement (Al McLeod)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to follow the Library Board recommendation and hire Carrie Valdes as Library Director. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry McNeely. Council member Langianese was uncomfortable with the County Council making this decision to hire an employee. Motion carried 7 – 0.

L. Discussion and Consideration of the Library Board’s Recommendation of Granting Eve Tallman a One-Time Bonus Payment (Al McLeod and Bob Greenberg)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to approve paying a one-time bonus payment to Eve Tallman. Motion seconded by Council member Audrey Graham failed 4 – 3 with Council members Jim Lewis, Gene Ciarus, Patricia Holyoak and Joette Langianese opposed.

Recess at 6:25 p.m.

The evening session of the Grand County Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Lewis. In attendance were Council members Jim Lewis, Gene Ciarus, Bob Greenberg, Patricia Holyoak, Jerry McNeely, Joette Langianese, and Audrey Graham along with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Wright.

Approval of Minutes

N. MOTION: Motion by Council member Audrey Graham to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Gene Ciarus carried 5 – 2 Council members Greenberg and Langianese were absent at the July 17, 2007 meeting.

O. MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

P. MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to table the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council member Patricia Holyoak to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$655,603.05. Accounts payable check numbers 50932 – 51093 totaling \$520,252.15 and payroll in the amount of \$135,350.90. Motion seconded by Council member Joette Langianese carried with a 7 – 0 roll call vote.

Presentations

Q. Presentation of the Grand County Silver Bowl Winner (Saina Carey)

Saina Carey announced the joint Silver Bowl Award winners Geoffrey and Sandra Freethy and thanked them for the many hours they volunteer their time.

General Business

R. Discussion and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Amendment Puesta del Sol PUD Preliminary Plat located on Westwater Drive (Ron and Joyce Robertson - Applicant)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Joette Langinaese to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry McNeely carried 7 – 0.

S. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat for A&M Subdivision located on 2468 Spanish Valley Drive (Archie Walker - Applicant)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Joette Langianese to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

T. Discussion and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Plat for Rim Village Vistas PUD Phase 4 Located in Lower Spanish Valley (Chuck Henderson – Applicant)

MOTION: Joette moved to approve. Jerry seconded. Motion carried 6 -1 aud opposed.

U. Discussion and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Blu Vista Casitas PUD Phase 2 Located in Lower Spanish Valley (Rex Tanner – Applicant)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Jerry McNeely to approve with the conditions set forth. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak. Council member Greenberg had concerns regarding acceptable bonding procedural issues. Motion carried 5 – 2 with Council members Bob Greenberg and Audrey Graham opposed.

V. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Simpatica Subdivision Located in Mid Spanish Valley (Kyle Kimmerle – Applicant)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Joette Langianese to approve the resolution as submitted. Motion seconded by Council member Patricia Holyoak carried 5 – 2 with Council members Bob Greenberg and Audrey Graham opposed.

W. Memo of Understanding Between Grand County and Active Re-Entry Relating to Office Space for a Receptionist and Approval of Timesheet (Shawn Warnke)

MOTION: Motion by Council member Audrey Graham to approve the Memo of Understanding. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry McNeely. Motion carried 6 – 1 with Council member Bob Greenberg opposed

Consent Agenda

X. Approval of the County Engineering/Community Development Director Job Description

Y. Approval of a Contract for Mark Wright for the Position of County Engineer/Community Development Director

Z. Approval of the County Planner Job Description

AA. Approval of the Planning Coordinator Job Description

BB. Approval of a Letter to the SPAH Family Ltd Regarding Protests to the Boundary Commission

MOTION: Motion by Council member Bob Greenberg to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council member Jerry McNeely carried 7 – 0.

Council Reports

1. Discussion Update and Timeline on Affordable Housing Assessment of Grand County (Audrey Graham)

Council member Audrey Graham reported the progress of the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Plan of Grand County has fell behind schedule but is quickly catching up. The draft report was presented to the committee but it is not yet ready for public review.

MOTION: Motion by Council member Jerry McNeely to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Council member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

Jim Lewis, Grand County Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor