

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

December 4, 2007

The Grand County Council met on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Grand County Courthouse located at 125 E. Center Street, Moab, Utah. Chairman Jim Lewis called the Workshop Session of the Council Meeting to order at 3:00 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. The following items were discussed:

1. Discussion of Identifying Funding Priorities for Transient Room Tax Revenue Increases
2. Discussion of the Allocation of Mineral Lease Funds Which May Include discussion of the long term care center, recreation center, solid waste and roads.
3. Discussion of a proposed ordinance amending the county's current ordinance relating to fees collected for county services,
4. Discussion regarding 2008 budget for staffing for Sheriff's Office.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to enter into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Motion seconded by Council Member Gene Ciarus carried 7 – 0. Present were Council Members Lewis, Holyoak, Langianese, Ciarus, Greenberg, McNeely and Graham along with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke, Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll and Attorney Happy Morgan.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to end the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

Recess until 7:00 p.m.

The evening session of the Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Chairman Jim Lewis. Present were Council Members Lewis, Holyoak, Ciarus, Greenberg, McNeely, [Langianese](#) and Graham with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll. ~~Council Member Langianese was absent.~~ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Virginia Fossey.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Audrey Graham to table the minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 6 – 0. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to table the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Patricia Holyoak carried 6 – 0.

~~Council Member Langianese arrived at this time.~~

Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patricia Holyoak to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$394,293.97. Accounts Payable check numbers 52314 –

Jim Nelson spoke regarding the tax increase for commercial property owners due to the reappraisal. Low income housing property owners will be forced to increase their rates to pay the taxes.

Curt Fisher ~~a Castle Valley resident~~ noted a 20% increase in property tax is a lot and asked the Council to do better to control spending.

Public Hearings closed at 7:40 p.m.

I. Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Proposed Memo of Understanding between Moab Museum Board (Southeasten Utah Society of Arts and Science) and Grand County

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to approve the MOU for one year with the Council Administrator and Museum working together. Motion seconded by Council Member Gene Ciarus carried 7 – 0.

J. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the 2008 County Council Meeting Schedule.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to approve the meeting schedule for 2008. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham carried 7 – 0.

K. Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Proposed Resolution amending the County's Employee Personnel Policies and Procedures Regarding Drug testing

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Council Member Gene Ciarus. Council Member Bob Greenberg stated that he cannot support the policy as it is currently drafted. It treats county employees as if they were criminals confuses problem behavior. Employee's who have work performance problems should be subject to disciplinary actions. Because of an illness an employee should not be punished. Alcohol abuse that does not affect job performance is a good example of an employee problem that should not expose an employee to disciplinary action and suggested substitute language on several items. Council Member Gene Ciarus feels it is a good policy and gives direction and judgment when you might have to use it. Council Member Audrey Graham indicated some minor tweaking could make it great and said we should safeguard civil liberties. Motion carried 5 – 2. Council Members Bob Greenberg and Audrey Graham were opposed.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Joette Langianese to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 6 - 0.

Jim Lewis
Grand Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

