

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

January 2, 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 Jim Lewis called the Afternoon Session of the Council Meeting to order at 3:05 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.

Election of County Council Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to nominate Gene Ciarus as Chair and Joette Langianese as Vice-Chair for 2008. Motion seconded by Council Member Joette Langianese. Discussion occurred regarding the best combination of Council Members and it was decided that Council Member Langianese could share her experience presiding over the County Council. Motion carried 6 – 0. Council Member Gene Ciarus abstained from voting. Newly elected Chairman Council Member Gene Ciarus took over as Chair of the meeting.

Discussion Items & Action Items

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Refund on a Real Property Tax Issue

Grand County resident and property owner Cherry Griffiths asked the County Council to consider refunding a portion of her 2007 property taxes. She explained that her property was classified as a secondary residence and should have been primary. Grand County Assessor Dorothy Gough gave details for the process of appeal to the Board of Equalization and stated the deadline for appeals was in September. There was no action by County Council.

Discussion on Article 3 of the Land Use Code

Richard Grice and the Community Development staff conducted a work session on Article 3 of the Grand County Land Use Code. Article 5 will be discussed at the next Council work session.

Discussion Regarding Amendments to the Public Defender Agreement Between Grand County and Andrew Fitzgerald

Grand County Public Defender Andrew Fitzgerald presented information to the Council regarding the increased work load currently being experienced. The Public Defender requested that the Drug Court, Domestic Violence and Family Services be taken out of the current contract. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Council Administrator will work with Andrew to explore the possibility of hiring additional attorneys and report back to the Council.

Recess at 5:50 p.m. until 7:00 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 Dale Parriott.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the minutes of the November 20, December 4, December 18, 2007 meetings. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham 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 \$469,548.98. Accounts Payable check numbers 52678 – 52824 totaling \$232,698.40 and payroll in the amount of \$236,850.58. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried with a 7 – 0 roll call vote.

Presentations

A. Presentation on Ride with Respect’s Proposal to Negotiations with the Moab BLM (Ride With Respect)

Dale Parriott and ClifKoontz representing the group “Ride with Respect” asked the Council to review their comments regarding the BLM Regional Management Plan.

Consent Agenda

B. Approval to Move the February 5th Council Meeting to February 6th Due to Election Conflicts

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to approve the date change to allow for the Western States Presidential Primary Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 7 – 0.

General Business- Action Items

C. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Concessionaire Vendor and Concessionaire Agreement for the Old Spanish Trail Recreation Complex (done in Accordance with the County’s Policy and Procedures) (Shawn Warnke)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to approve the agreement with Joanie’s Lunch Box. Motion seconded by Council Member Patricia Holyoak carried 7 – 0.

D. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support Requested by Grand County School District for Southeastern Utah Regional Mentoring Program

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the letter of support. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis carried 7 – 0.

E. Discussion and Consideration of Appointments for the Mosquito Abatement District (Pat Holyoak)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patricia Holyoak to approve the Mosquito Abatement Board appointments of Mike Binyon and Tim Graham. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 6 – 0. Council Member Audrey Graham abstained from the vote.

Council Reports

Council Member Audrey Graham encouraged County residents to apply to serve on County boards. Currently there are board member openings on the Grand County Solid Waste Special Service District and Thompson Fire Special Service District.

Council Member Joette Langianese informed the Council of the recent action regarding the Department of Energy. Both the Senate and House passed the Defense Authorization but it was vetoed by the President over the Holidays. It is expected to return and be approved soon. There will be a Steering Committee January 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 7 – 0.

Gene Ciarus
Grand Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor