

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

January 15, 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 1:00 p.m. In attendance were Council members Gene Ciarus, Jim Lewis, Patricia Holyoak, Bob Greenberg, Jerry McNeely and Audrey Graham along with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll. Council Member Joette Langianese was absent.

Presentations Report from SITLA

Bryan Torgersen updated the Council on the several proposed SITLA projects including a water pipeline from Green River to Crescent Junction for the Atlas tailings project, a permanent right of way, a telephone line easement and a land sale in the Bookcliffs.

Workshop- Discussion Items

Richard Grice and the Community Development Department continued discussion with the Council on the Land Use Code Articles 4, 5 and 6.

Discussion occurred regarding a proposed resolution amending the Grand County Personnel Policy and Procedure relating to holiday pay and establishing an on-call policy. HR Director Pat Byrd explained the need for the policy and has worked closely with the County Attorney on the draft resolution.

There was discussion regarding waiving certain activities held at County facilities from providing TULIP insurance. This will be a future agenda item.

Recess at 5:00

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, Holyoak, Lewis, McNeely and Graham with Council Administrator Shawn Warnke and Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll. Council Member Langianese was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jerry McNeely.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2008 meeting with minor suggested corrections. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried 6 – 0.

Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patricia Holyoak to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$111,427.13. Accounts Payable check numbers 52825 – 52958. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely carried with a 6 – 0 roll call vote.

Citizens to be Heard

Harold Shephard represented a non-profit conservation organization and wanted to know when the hazardous waste ordinance amendment would be passed. The Chairman clarified that the process would begin with Planning and Zoning.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of a Letter for an Extension on Funds for the New Spanish Trail
- B. Approval of Election Judges

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis carried 6 – 0.

Public Hearings

Discussion and Consideration of Approving an Ordinance Amending the County's Fee Schedule

Council Administrator Shawn Warnke reviewed some of the changes to the fee schedule and suggested keeping the fees relatively the same as those being charged by the firms providing services such as engineering and architect.

Public Hearing Opened to the public for comment at 7:10 p.m.

John Ogden who is a local resident and user of the OSTA facility and is also active in the horse industry spoke regarding the fees at the arena. He noted that attendance at equine events is down throughout the industry and would like to see the facility remain affordable to kids.

Kathy Wilson – President of the MQHSA said that children's activities should be kept affordable. 4H kids should be able to use the arena for free and would like the Council to look at fees and keep them fair for the kids.

Danalee Gerber – leader of the 4H group and Secretary of MQHSA spoke regarding her concern in raising rates at the arena.

Jim Lewis questioned some of the grading charges in the Building Department. Mark Wright will research those fees.

Bob Greenberg spoke regarding the fees at OSTA and suggested the public hearing be continued until February 6, 2008 and take action on the ordinance at that time.

Public Hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

General Business- Action Items

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Settlement Agreement Between Grand County and Horrocks Engineering Regarding the Colorado River Pedestrian Bridge

Mark Wright noted that this item has been before the council in the past and that the agreement is the formal acceptance to Horrocks' proposed resolution of raising the pedestrian bridge over the Colorado River. It is a settlement agreement with Horrocks Engineers. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to authorize the chair to sign the agreement subject to the blanks being appropriately filled in. It will be revenue neutral. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham. Jim Lewis noted that the bids for the Spanish Trail project came in under the engineer's estimate and the remaining funds were transferred to this project. Council Member Bob Greenberg amended his motion to state that attachments are to be included. Council Member Audrey Graham agreed with the amended motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Resolution Declaring the Intent of Grand County to Participate in the Utah Association of Counties Combined Cash Flow Borrowing Program

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to approve the resolution declaring our intent to participate in the TRANS Program. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 6 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Third Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (UCIP)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jerry McNeely to approve the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis carried 6 – 0.

Discussion and Consideration of Approving Two Appointments to the Housing Authority for Five Year Terms

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to remove this item from the table of the December 18, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Audrey Graham carried 6 – 0. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Audrey Graham to approve the appointment of Janie Tuft and Craig Hibberd to the Housing Authority. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry McNeely. Council Member Audrey Graham apologized for the confusion of the board advertisement. Motion carried 5 – 1 with Council Member Bob Greenberg opposed.

Discussion and Consideration of Appointing Council Representatives and Liaisons to Boards and Committees

Chairman Gene Ciarus expressed concern of council members whose terms are up soon and the history they have on boards will go with them. The practice of the Council has been for members to shadow those who serve on boards. **MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Bob Greenberg to appoint Council Member Audrey Graham to the Housing Authority. Motion seconded by Council Member Jim Lewis carried 6 – 0.

Council Reports

Last year the County Council appointed a committee comprised of Council Members Greenberg, Ciarus and Langianese to work with Grand Water & Sewer regarding a waste water treatment facility. Presently GWSSA and Moab City are working with SITLA and San Juan County to move toward a facility. The committee has served its purpose and the Council officially disbanded the committee although the Council will continue to be involved with the project. Chairman Ciarus will ask Mayor Dave Sakrison to submit in writing what the city feels the county’s roll will be in the project.

Council Member Jim Lewis noted that the Trail Mix Committee is interested in several items currently being discussed including road and trail closures along with developments which have proposed road closures. The county does not have a procedure in place and Trail Mix would like the county to come up with protocol of how to deal with road and trail closures.

Council Member Bob Greenberg reported that Great Lakes is now providing Air Service to Grand County and they appear to be stepping up to their commitment. The Airport Board met with Armstrong Consultants regarding the size of the airport and its ability to handle larger aircraft. The runway is not designed to support the weight of the large aircraft and a runway upgrade will be needed within 5 – 10 years.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jim Lewis to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Bob Greenberg carried 6 – 0.

Gene Ciarus
Grand Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Carroll
Grand County Clerk/Auditor