



GRAND COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Grand County Council Chambers
125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah

July 3, 2018

The Grand County Council met in Regular Session on the above date in the County Council Chambers located at 125 East Center Street, Moab, Utah. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary McGann at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Evan Clapper, Greg Halliday, Jaylyn Hawks, Mary McGann, Patrick Trim, Rory Paxman and Curtis Wells along with Clerk/Auditor Diana Carroll and Council Administrator Ruth Dillon. Council Member Evan Clapper was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grand County Weed Supervisor Tim Higgs.

Approval of Minutes (Diana Carroll, Clerk/Auditor)

A. April 3, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jaylyn Hawks to approve the April 3, 2018 Council Meeting minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Council Member Greg Halliday carried 6 – 0.

B. April 17, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

C. May 1, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

D. May 15, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

E. May 16, 2018 (County Council Special Meeting: Retreat)

F. June 5, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

G. June 12, 2018 (Grand County Special Meeting)

H. June 19, 2018 (County Council Meeting)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jaylyn Hawks to postpone action until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Greg Halliday carried 7 – 0.

Ratification of Payment of Bills

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Rory Paxman to approve payment of bills presented in the amount of \$6,899,193.76. Accounts payable check numbers 101522 - 101622 totaling \$6,621,443.54 and payroll in the amount of \$277,750.22. Motion seconded by Council Member Patrick Trim carried by roll-call vote 7 - 0.

General Council Reports and Future Considerations

Council Member Greg Halliday

- Attended the Museum Board meeting.
- Report that there was a fire in Castle Valley sparked by a lawn mower.

Council Member Jaylyn Hawks

- Attended the Housing Authority of South Eastern Utah meeting.
- Attended the Canyonlands Healthcare District Board Meeting.

Council Member Evan Clapper

- The Sand Flats Stewardship and MMAD meetings were postponed.
- Attended the Trail Mix Committee meeting.

Council Member Curtis Wells

- Traveled to Washington DC
- Attend a Conference for Commissioners throughout the state.
- Attended the Performance Review Committee meeting.

Council Member Mary McGann

- Met with air quality control regarding issues of the disposal of hazardous waste.
- Attended the Cinema Court Fire Committee meeting.
- Met with a group regarding an opportunity to improve our ambulance service.
- Attended a meeting with Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands regarding the Green and Colorado River corridors.
- Gathered with a group of citizens concerned about separation of children and parents.

Council Member Rory Paxman

- Attended the Noxious Weed Control Board.
- Attended Airport Board meeting.

Council Member Patrick Trim

- Attended the Recreation Special Service District Board meeting.

Department Reports

I. 2017 Moab Area Travel Council Department Report (Elaine Gizler, Executive Director)

Travel Council Executive Director Elaine Gizler presented statistical information regarding 2017 market spending, lodging reports, visitation, TRT collections, and departmental projects completed.

Council Member Curtis Wells explained that the Grand County Travel Council is tasked with promoting tourism in the region. There is such a thing as over-commercialization. Grand County ranks 4th in the state for TRT collections, Utah County is 5th. The County should come together with the Travel Council with a unified statement to the legislature.

Council Member Mary McGann said that we should make a statement in support of our employees and Travel Council Board and work with the Travel Council to help support a mature industry.

Council Member Jaylyn Hawks thanked Council Member Wells for his remarks.

Citizens to Be Heard

Joanne Savoie had four things to say about the housing crisis. 1. Object to the proposal for high-density overlay in our neighborhood. 2. Say no to more housing in the commercial highway zone. 3. Adopt the assured housing policy. 4. Encourage Council to say no to more promotions of Moab.

Presentations

J. Presentation on Grand County Tamarisk Beetle Project: An 11 year summary (Wright Robinson, Tamarisk Bio-Control Researcher Technician and Tim Higgs, Weed Supervisor)

In 2004, Grand County Weed Department released the Tamarisk Leaf Beetle in 3 areas in the county, with other releases to follow in the next 2 years. Grand County hired Wright Robinson, Tamarisk Bio-Control Researcher Technician, to work on monitoring and collecting data on the beetle. The Weed Department presented an 11-year summary of the effects of the beetle.

K. Presentation on Museum of Moab renovation plans (John Foster, Executive Director and Tim Smith, Board Member)

Museum of Moab Executive Director John Foster gave an update on a project to re-arrange the building to move the stairs and have all the exhibits on the ground floor, using the upstairs for storage. Beginning in September, the Museum will be closed for about 8 weeks to allow for the remodel.

Board Member Tim Smith announced that John will be leaving next month and thanked him for his great work.

General Business- Action Items- Discussion and Consideration of:

L. Approving proposed easement deed with Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA), pending legal review, for utilities and access on property owned by Grand County located at Old Spanish Trail Arena (OSTA) (Dana Van Horn, Agency Manager and Steve Swift, OSTA Director)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Curtis Wells to approve the access and utility easement located on properties owned by Grand County as presented and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Rory Paxman carried 7 – 0.

M. Approving a tax exemption request for property owned by the Moab Area Community Land Trust (MACLT) (Kaitlin Myers, MACLT, Vice-Chair)

MOTION: Motion by council Member Curtis Wells to approve the tax exemption for property owned by the Moab Area Community Land Trust, located at 2022 Spanish Valley Drive, and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Evan Clapper carried 7 – 0.

N. Adopting proposed ordinance approving the rezone of 1.35 acres of land located at 1146 So . Highway 191 from Rural Residential (RR) to Highway Commercial (HC) (Zacharia Levine, Community & Economic Development Director)

Jerry Clayz, a Grand County resident, disclosed that he knew the land-owner. Housing is an issue but there is a right place for housing. This is the backside of a commercial lot and a better use for the property is commercial.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Curtis Wells to adopt the proposed ordinance approving the rezone of 1.35 acres of land located at 1146 South Highway 191 from Rural Residential to Highway Commercial and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Rory Paxman.

Discussion occurred regarding the split zone on properties and the overlay areas.

Motion carried 5 – 2 with Council Members Jaylyn Hawks and Evan Clapper opposed.

O. Adopting proposed ordinance to adjust 2018 wages for cost of living for Grand County Elected Officials (Chris Baird, Budget Officer)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patrick Trim to approve the proposed ordinance establishing and affixing the salaries of elected and statutory officers of Grand County, excluding Grand County Council Members, providing a 2% cost of living adjustment for elected officials, except County Council, to be retro-active to effective January 1, 2018...Motion seconded by Council Member Jaylyn Hawks carried 7 – 0.

P. Adopting proposed ordinance to adjust 2018 wages for cost of living for Grand County Council Members (Chris Baird, Budget Officer)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Patrick Trim to approve the proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 556 (2017) that established compensation paid to County Council Members providing a 2% cost of living adjustment for County Council, to be retro-active to January 1, 2018 and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by council Member Jaylyn Hawks carried 7 – 0.

Q. Approving 2018 certified tax rate (Diana Carroll, Clerk/Auditor)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jaylyn Hawks to approve the proposed resolutions adopting final 2018 Grand County Certified Tax Rates, as presented, for Grand County Operations, Library, Assessing and Collecting and Grand County General Obligation Bond Debt and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council member Rory Paxman carried 7 – 0.

R. Approving proposed letter of support to Representative John Curtis regarding Labyrinth Canyon (Chairwoman McGann)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Jaylyn Hawks to postpone action indefinitely. Motion seconded by Council Member Greg Halliday carried 7 – 0.

S. Approving proposed Council assignment changes to the Cemetery District Board and to the Planning Commission (Chairwoman McGann)

MOTION: Motion by Council Curtis Wells to approve the assignment changes with Council Member Clapper to the Cemetery Board and Council Member McGann to the Travel Council Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Patrick Trim carried 7 – 0.

Consent Agenda- Action Items

T. Renewing Resolution No. 2018-3130 – Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Drought Emergency In Grand County, Utah, pursuant to U.C.A. 17-8-7, such resolution originally adopted January 18, 2018

U. Ratifying the Chair's signature on a letter of support for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) grant application

V. Ratifying the Chair's signature on a letter of support to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for the Moab Free Health Clinic to submit a proposal to Enterprise Zone Non-Profit Program (EZNP) for potential tax credits

W. Ratifying the Chair's signature on thank you letters regarding H.R. 5895 – Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019

X. Approving proposed contract amendment to the Children's Justice Center program

Y. Approving proposed contract agreement with Utah Department of Health, Disease Control and Prevention for the Stepping on Fall Prevention Program in the amount of up to \$2,500 through July 31, 2018

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Curtis Wells to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and authorize the Chair to sign all associated documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Rory Paxman carried 7 - 0.

Discussion Items

Z. Calendar items and public notices (Bryony Hill, Council Office Coordinator)

Adjourn

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Curtis Wells to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Patrick Trim carried 7 – 0.


Mary McGann
Grand County Council Chair

ATTEST:



Diana Carroll,
Grand County Clerk/Auditor