

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000.

Mayor and Council Present: Mayor Merle Cole. Council Members: Byron Anderson, Craig Anderson, Kevin Hall, Justin Linares, and Karen Watson.

Appointed officers and employees present: Wendy Palmer, City Recorder, Attorney Ronald Elton, Police Chief Dan Johnson and Lisa Johnson, Mary Saxon, Justice Court Judge.

Citizens and Guests: Janet Cook, Cindy and Wayne Madsen, Joe Lopez.

Public Hearings:

a. Consideration of requiring lots with septic tanks to be one acre or larger: Craig explained that the intent of the Planning Commission is to be in compliance with the State Board of Health.

Cindy Madsen – 195 S. West Street stated that she was concerned about this restriction to be more than the Health Department required. Mrs. Madsen stated that she owns 2.24 acres on the west section of town. She drew up a division of her property and presented it to the County Board of Health. Cindy stated that she would like to have three lots but each lot would be less than one acre. She stated that the Board of Health would approve her three-lot subdivision with a shared well, but if the city passes this new regulation she would only be able to have two lots. Cindy wanted to know why the city was considering being more restrictive? Craig stated that the area that Mrs. Madsen owns property could handle the septic systems due to the drainage “perc” test. Some areas in town the ground would drain to fast or not fast enough. Craig continued by stating that the saturation of existing septic systems will soon be a problem as more septic systems are installed. Attorney Elton stated that currently the Planning Commission requires the Tooele County Health Department to set the standards prior to approval of subdivisions and building permits.

Janet Cook – 500 N. Cooley questioned why the City Council is trying to reduce the amount of acreage required for a septic system. Mrs. Cook stated that she understood that 1.75 acres were required for the placement of a septic system. Craig stated that in the area of town where she lives that may be true. Craig stated that the State Board of Health used to required that subdivisions only provide “perc’ tests on every other lot. Now they require “perc” tests on every lot in a subdivision.

Mayor asked for any further comment? No further comment being offered, the Mayor closed this public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

b. Consideration of lengthening the Planning Commission Chairman’s term from six months to one year. Craig explained that the Planning Commission requested this change. Mayor asked for any further comment? No further comment offered, the Mayor closed this public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

c. Consideration of changing the side yard set back on corner lots for accessory buildings. Recorder Palmer drew a diagram for those present too help explain the change. The basic description of the change is to allow an accessory building to be within one foot of one side that the back property line that the home faces and within four feet of the side yard not facing any street. Mayor asked for any further comment? No further comment being offered, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 3-22-00- Karen made the motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held 3-22-00. Seconded by Craig. All voted in favor, motion carried.

3-28-00 – Karen made the motion to approve the minutes of the work meeting held 3-28-00 with the Grantsville Irrigation Company. Seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor, motion carried.

3-29-00 – Kevin made the motion to approve the minutes of the Storm Drain work meeting of the City Council as amended. Seconded by Craig. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE: Craig and Reyanna Durfee – 385 W. Durfee. Craig stated that he and the Zoning Administrator have approved this business of Ideal Blinds in the office. The Durfee's will be going to their customer homes for installation. Kevin made the motion to approve the business license for Ideal Blinds. Seconded by Craig. All in favor, motion carried.

Report on conference attendance:

Mary Saxon, Justice Court Judge: Judge Saxon stated that she attend the Justice Court Judges Conference April 1, 2000 in St. George. Judge Saxon hit on some of the highlights of the conference: Safety Belt law now allows police to pull you over for not wear a safety belt. Child Restraint Laws are tougher now. Utah Highway Patrol is going to begin sending their tickets in via the computer. This will require the Justice Court to upgrade our computers and software to be able to receive any Utah Highway Patrol tickets. Judge Saxon stated that for the budget for 2000/01 their goal needs to be reduced from \$18,000 to \$14,000.

Dan Johnson, Chief of Police: Chief Johnson stated that he attended the Chief Convention this last month. Chief Johnson stated that he was somewhat disappointed this year due to the fact that the vendors had too much access to the attendees of the conference. Chief Johnson stated that law enforcement was given the task to come up with a crime reduction plan. This was a tremendous challenge because unless the judges and attorneys actually follow through with the police officer's arrests the repeat criminals' just get worse. Chief Johnson stated that he would like to budget for a new police car this year. In the past couple of months the maintenance cost on the police cars has been quite a bit. Chief Johnson stated that the meth labs are a big problem in the state of Utah as well as in Grantsville City. Chief stated that this is due to the availability of the ingredients. State Law just passed that the store caught selling too much of iodine and other ingredients can now be charged with a crime. Chief Johnson stated that he was able to go to a pretty good class on dealing with the media. Chief Johnson stated that he was not sure what the status of the 800 meg. Radio system is but is planning to carry his expense amount over to this next year. He would like to buy another radar gun. Mayor and Council expressed support for the financial assistance of the Police Officers Auxiliary.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Mayor recommended Steven Larsen and R. Doug Bowman to be appointed to the Planning Commission and Mayor also recommended appointing Mike Warner and Husk Crowther to another term. Byron made the motion to ratify the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Commission – Steven Larsen to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Hall. R. Doug Bowman to fill the expired term of Barbara Grygierczyk and appoint for another term Mike Warner and Husk Crowther. Seconded by Craig. Justin stated his concern about Husk Crowther. Justin stated that it has been his experience that Husk is not attending very many meetings. All voted in favor, motion carried.

WATER ISSUES:

- a. Consideration of Resolution that forms a water advisory board.** Karen stated she was concerned that the formation of a joint committee could also make Grantsville City liable if the dam broke and flooded Grantsville. Attorney Elton stated that the water advisory board is only an agreement to work together on water issues. This does not open Grantsville City up for liability. Craig made the motion to approve Resolution 2000-3 approving the water advisory board. Members to be Kevin, Byron and Mayor as a presiding member. Seconded by Justin. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- b. Report of joint meeting with Grantsville Irrigation Company.** Mayor stated that he was encouraged that the Irrigation Company was in agreement with most of the issues. Mayor and Council stated that they would like to know more from the Irrigation Company how they feel about the all of the issues.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Storm Drain Master Plan:** Byron made the motion to approve Resolution 2000-4 adopting the Storm Drain Master Plan. Seconded by Kevin. Byron stated that he wants to be sure that this plan is not written in stone. The Mayor stated that the plan can always be changed but it is a start. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- b. Amendment to Safety Manual** – Mayor stated that this resolution adds the form for the personnel to fill out when making a confined space entry. Byron made the motion to approve Ordinance 2000-05 adding the form for confined space entry to the Safety Manual.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM PURCHASE: Mayor discussed the need for the new computer system and the new computer software to be up and running prior to the new fiscal year. The cost was more than anticipated but the proposed funding is stated below for the Council’s consideration. Byron made the motion to approve the new computer system and software to be paid 40% from water and sewer each and the remainder from Garbage fund. Seconded by Justin. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SALARY STEP INCREASE:

- a. David Aagard** – Chief Johnson recommended Dave Aagard be removed from probationary status and given his salary step increase. Craig made the motion to approve the successful completion of probation for Dave Aagard and approve the salary step increase. Seconded by Karen. All voted in favor motion carried.
- b. Steve Barrett** – Karen made the motion to approve the salary step increase for Steve Barrett as recommended by Chief Dan Johnson. Seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Byron made the motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor, motion carried.

UTAH LOCAL GOVERNMENT TURST REPORT: Mayor reported to the Council that the liability insurance company came out to our city to assess the risks. The report came back very clean. The items that require training have already been scheduled and the council determined to remove the teeter-totters. Utah Local Government Trust risk consultant reported that the employees of the have done a very good job in the maintenance of city properties.

DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL PEN AREA REQUIREMENTS: Mayor stated that at the last Council meeting the area that an animal must have available to it was not clear. Byron stated that he felt that requiring a number of animals per acre could solve a lot of the issues. Byron stated that the actual size of the corral should not be considered as long as the animals can be kept 100’ from any neighbor’s home. It was determined to send this issue to the Planning Commission for their recommendations as to the requirements for animal lot size and/or corral size.

BUDGET WORK MEETING: It was determined to set the budget work meeting for April 11th at 8:30 p.m. after the General Plan work meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor stated that the spraying for grasshoppers will take place this year and the Army Depot will be planting chicken for grasshopper control on the depot. Mayor stated that the Auditors recommend that the city raise the asset price level for depreciation of assets on the balance sheet. This will be on the next agenda for the Council’s consideration. Mayor stated that he met with Utah Department of Corrections and the contractor for the proposed prison. It is hoped that the funds can be reimbursed for the expenses that all parties have invested. As to whether the prison will still be built is still unsure.

Karen asked if some trash cans could be placed along Cherry Street for the school children to use. Karen stated that she received a complaint from a citizen about all of the garbage that they have to pick up each day after school. Karen asked about the clean up day. Craig stated that the green clean will be April 29th and the general clean up day will be May 13th. Craig stated that he would still like to have Burmester and Gunderson Acres pay a fee of \$5.00 per truckload and still participate with the clean up. No other County residents will be allowed.

Kevin stated that there is still quite a bit of material in the pit from last year that the Maintenance department will be burning. Kevin stated that he has received some bids for cleaning the sewer lines. The bids are coming in between \$54,000 and \$74,000. Kevin stated that the application for seasonal employees is not going well and the city may have to consider adjusting the wages.

ADJOURN: Karen made the motion seconded by Kevin to adjourn this meeting at 10:50 p.m. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wendy Palmer, City Recorder

Merle E. Cole, Mayor