

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY
COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002.**

Mayor and Council Present: Mayor Byron Anderson. Council Members: Craig Anderson, James Christensen, Kevin Hall, and Paul Rupp.

Appointed officers and employees present: Wendy Palmer, City Recorder, Fire Chief Neil Critchlow, Assistant Fire Chiefs Perry Skaug, Kirk Gibson, Cpt. Brent Marshall, Public Works Director Joel Kertamus, Tom Randle Accountant.

Citizens and Guests: Mary Ruth Hammond (press), Jason Burningham.

JASON BURNINGHAM-DISCUSSION OF FEASIBILITY OF BIOMASS

PROPOSAL: Mayor opened the meeting with Jason Burningham from Lewis, Young, Robertson, and Burningham Financial Firm. Mayor asked Jason to relate to the Council his opinion of the proposal from Biomass/Desert Power/MagCorp idea that was forwarded to Mr. Burningham in written form. Jason informed the Council that the proposal was not specific enough to be able to give an opinion on it feasibility. Mr. Burningham stated that the finance options stated in the proposal are all viable finance options that can be used as tools to finance an infrastructure improvement. Jason stated that he felt that a special improvement district is not the best choice for the city to pursue. Jason stated that an EDA would be the best option for the city to create. Mayor and Council confirmed with Mr. Burningham that he would be willing to talk with Mr. Jim Hansen from Biomass to ascertain the feasibility for Grantsville City. Mayor and Council also requested Mr. Burningham to follow up on the status of the distribution center that was proposed for the west side of Grantsville City. Mayor and Council asked Mr. Burningham to represent Grantsville City in the pursuit of locating the distribution center at the city border.

Craig asked Jason if a grant writer has been found that may be willing to work with Grantsville City? Jason stated that he has one name that his colleague Laura Lewis was aware of but he has not made contact with him. This person works for West Valley City and he is a fireman. Craig asked Jason to contact him and inquire if he would be willing to assist Grantsville City seeking grants for the construction of a fire station. Jason stated that he has been unable to find a grant source for the construction of a fire station. There are grants for equipment and he found that Pacific Corp. has a grant for public safety personnel either fire or police. Jason stated that Rural Development has grants and low interest loans that may possibly build a fire station but probably would not cover all of the cost.

BUDGET: Mayor requested that Recorder Palmer walk the Council through the budget headings and explain the source of funding or expense. James asked if there were any funds that may fund the needed sidewalk to the Willow Elementary School? Joel stated that Class C road money maybe used to fund the sidewalk. Kevin and Joel both stated their concern that their has not been any major road work done for two years and if we fund all of the sidewalk project then our road inventory will suffer dramatically. Craig stated that he is hoping to get the contract from the trails design group within the week and is planning to set up a committee to determine trail/sidewalk plan for the city. James stated that if we take the path of committees and public hearings, the sidewalk would not be completed for the opening of school August 2002. The estimate of cost to fund Willow Street from Main to South Willow Estates is approximately \$130,000. Kevin stated that if we spend that whole amount there would not be anything for roadwork.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Critchlow informed the Council that their budget is about \$15,000 less this year than last. Due to the difference in the budget categories between city format and Fire Dept. format Chief Critchlow stated that he would get a copy of his budget to Recorder Palmer so she can enter it in the city's financial format.

Recorder Palmer suggested that the Mayor and Council review the capital facilities plan and determine what project they would like to see completed this year as well as add additional items that need to be completed.

Joel stated that the city is in need of upgrading the sewer treatment plant to handle the ammonia nitrates. The treatment facility current cannot meet Utah State standards during the winter months. Joel stated that he received a letter from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) telling the city that we can no longer discharge our sewer effluent into a receiving water which is Blue Lakes. Joel stated that the city has two choices: 1- pipe the water to the Great Salt Lake or 2-upgrade to a mechanical system. Piping the water is estimated to cost around \$250,000. To upgrade to a mechanical sewer treatment facility will cost around \$1.2 to \$1.7 million. Recorder Palmer stated that the sewer department has \$900,000 to spend. Joel felt that the water transmission line connection from south Hale Street to Quirk Street should be included in the Capital Facilities plan as well as the waterline on North Cooley and waterline size upgrade throughout the community.

Capt. Marshall asked the Mayor and Council if the construction of a new fire station is a possibility? Craig stated that he has been put in contact with a grant writer from West Valley City and is hopeful that he can help the city. Craig stated that we need to get professionals involved to do a feasibility study that would tell us what type of station is needed as well as the best location. Capt. Marshall stated that the department personnel have determined that the current location is the best location for the main department. Capt. Marshall stated that he had talked with Recorder Palmer and if we put the library on the front of the station there may be some additional funding available. Mayor stated that he was not aware of the library being placed on the front of the Fire Station. Recorder Palmer stated that she had done some preliminary work trying to find funding for the fire station. One idea was that since the City Hall is getting crowded and the library needs additional space as well. Build a new library on the front of the new Fire Station this would allow for the expansion of city administration and police department into the current library area. Recorder Palmer reported that she had talked with one of the Tooele County Library Board Members, Barbara Grygierczyk, and the idea was met favorably. There are grants available for construction of libraries, and there could be a multi-governmental funding source because the Grantsville Library is really the Utah State Bookmobile Headquarters. Tooele County is a player in funding the library as well as the State of Utah. Combined with Grantsville City and possible Grants this could work. Recorder Palmer stated that until the City Hall bond is paid off the General fund could not afford another bond payment. So Recorder Palmer asked Zion's Bank financial consultant if there was a finance product that would allow for the construction of the fire station but not require any payments until the city hall bond is paid. Zion's Bank stated that they do have a finance product that will accommodate that type of need. Recorder Palmer stated that another great source of financial products would be Jason Burningham. Mr. Burningham was instrumental in writing the bond documents for the current bonds held by the city.

Chief Critchlow asked the Mayor and Council if they would approve the expenditure for \$50.00 per hour for construction of a fire line along the south and west of the city boundary. The proposal is to disk a 300-foot wide barrier along the south and west boundary that would be able to stop fires from entering the city limits. The Mayor and Council complimented Chief Critchlow for being proactive. Mayor and Council requested that Chief Critchlow get a bid of not to exceed before they approve the expenditure.

Mayor and Council requested that Recorder Palmer provide the itemized list of activity codes for the budget review process.

Mayor and Craig informed the Council about the Tooele County Health Departments letter requesting the City ceases any further collection of garbage and materials at the gravel pit. Craig stated that he has talked with Jeff Coombs of the Health Department and he has allowed the annual clean up to continue for this Saturday. We will need to set up a meeting with the Health Department to work out the possibilities of creating a transfer station. Joel stated that the only landfill that is certified to accept refrigerators and like materials is Salt Lake County.

It was discussed that piles of debris are starting to appear on the city streets. Recorder Palmer was asked to have Ordinance Officer Hansen to get these piles tagged and owners are to get them cleaned up. Mary Ruth Hammond informed the Mayor and Council that her ward is doing a clean up on the same day to help families that do not have a truck or widows that do not have the ability.

ADJOURN: James made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:30 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wendy Palmer, City Recorder

Byron Anderson, Mayor