

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY
COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 17, 2003.**

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

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: City Recorder Wendy Palmer, Attorney Ronald Elton and Treasurer Susan Gustin.

Citizens and guests present: Independent Auditors from Pinnock, Robins, Posey & Richins Wade Watkins and Danny Barlow, Council Elect Robin Baird, Todd Castagno, Wayne Butler. Chris Williams and Principal Teri Linares from Grantsville High School,

MAYOR'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL: Mayor Anderson expressed his appreciation to Kevin Hall, Justin Linares and Craig Anderson for all of their effort during their term as City Council members. Mayor commended Kevin for always having his homework done. Mayor expressed his appreciation for Justin's memory and Craig's availability to help of special projects. Mayor stated that the citizens of Grantsville are fortunate to have your quality and willingness to take the extra steps necessary to get the job done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Justin made the motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 3, 2003. Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

GRANTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION: Chris Williams was present and asked if the Council could address this issue later in the agenda due to the Principal Teri Linares having an emergency at the High School. Chris did want to ask the Council to approve the waiver of the impact fees and the City's Portion of the Building permit fee for another Low Income "ECHO" home that the High School Construction Class will be starting. Craig made the motion to waive the city's portion of the building fee and the impact fees for the new High School Construction home. Kevin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2003 FINANCIAL AUDIT: Wade Watkins and Danny Barlow Accountants for Pinnock, Robins, Posey and Richins, presented the 2003 fiscal year audit. Mr. Watkins informed the Mayor and Council that the City has a clean audit opinion. They did not find any material accounting matters to report to the State Auditors Office. Mr. Barlow went through the financial report with the Council. The main points Mr. Barlow touched on was the difference in reporting the due to General fund from the Water and Sewer Departments. Mr. Barlow stated that the water and sewer funds were being subsidized by the General fund again this year. The Council did a good job in transferring \$750,000 into capital projects fund in an attempt to bring the fund balance below the 18%. This next year during the audit the report will be written differently to assign the escrow PTIF accounts to the bond accounts that will bring the city into compliance. Mr. Barlow stated that the city is in overall good financial position. James made the motion to accept the 2003 Fiscal Year Audit report as presented. Justin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

GRANTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION: Principal Teri Linares presented the Mayor and City Council with High School Stadium Blanket to show the school's appreciation for their support.

CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF CITY LIEN ON PROPERTIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK: Justin made the motion to release the city stated lien on the industrial par properties for lots 1 through 7, and authorize the Mayor to sign new quit claim deeds to each of these lot owners. Craig seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

REPORT FROM TOOELE COUNTY ON WATER ISSUES WITH

GRANTSVILLE CITY: Mayor Anderson reported that he talked with Commissioner White concerning the drilling of the well for the Deseret Peak Facility. Commissioner White stated that the county may consider paying the impact fees and not drilling the well. The Council would still consider purchasing the back up Generator. Mayor stated that he would present this scenario to Craig Neeley for Aqua Engineering and get an opinion from him what option would be in Grantsville City's best interest.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE ASSIGNING SECONDARY WATER

SHARES TO GRANTSVILLE CITY: Recorder Palmer explained to the City Council that when discussing the new requirement with the office staff the question was brought forward concerning homeowners associations and similar issues. Do the homeowners associations need to turn over the water shares as well or does the ordinance need to be amended to exclude them? Justin stated that he felt that the homeowners need to turn over the water shares as well. We can't request the water that has already been given. However, in the future the secondary water will need to be turned over to Grantsville City even within developed subdivisions. No changes will be made to the ordinance.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION: James explained that the Pehrson's have requested to sell .63 acres to the City instead of the .75 acres. James explained that the price for the land would be adjusted down to \$25,000 from \$30,000. James made the motion to approve the change to the property purchase from the Pehrson's to .63 acres for \$25,000. Kevin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Justin discussed the issue of purchasing the additional property around the J. Reuben Clark Property. James made the motion to recommend to the new Council in January 2004 to purchase the 10 acres of property north of the current city property of the J. Reuben Clark property. Kevin seconded the motion. All voted in favor except for Craig. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SALARY STEP INCREASE: Kevin made the motion to approve the salary step increase for Gerry Davis from 9.43 per hour to 9.72 per hour. Craig seconded the motion. All vote in favor, motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE: James made the motion to approve the business license for a home office. Craig seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Justin made the motion to approve the bills. Kevin declared that his company hauled material for the city and that bill is included in this bill cycle. Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor informed those present that the city has received a check for \$500.00 for a donation to the J. Reuben Clark Library Fund. The Mayor stated that this check was placed in a separate account until the city can decide how to best use the home on the J. Reuben Clark Farm.

James expressed to the Council an offer that he received from JD Conway to donate the front 85 feet of his Trailer Park Property if the City will make it a park. It was decided to let the new Council decide what they want to do with this offer.

Justin asked about the letter in the packet that addressed to Mr. Edward Watson in response to December 3rd meeting requesting Mr. Watson remove his pavilion and debris on West Street. Recorder Palmer stated that the last time she sent a letter in the Council's request Mr. Watson attacked her personally and she did not want to go through that unless the Mayor and Council was willing to sign the letter and back up the ordinance. The last letter that was sent to the Watson's the Mayor let them off the hook by instructing the office staff to do nothing further. Justin stated that the Council has the responsibility to respond to violations to the city ordinances and take the heat if necessary. Justin stated that he finds it unacceptable for the Council or Mayor to only enforce the ordinances on the citizens that we know won't put up a fight. We must treat all of our citizens the same and the ordinance applies equally to all of them and us. The

rest of the Council all agreed. Justin expressed his appreciation for the experience to work with the Council and Mayor. Justin stated that respects everyone and is glad to have had this experience in his life. Justin stated that the office staff has always been a great source of information and history. Justin stated that the staff always treated him as if he was the most important person. The Maintenance Department does a great job as well as the Police Department. For the quality of people and the amount we pay them, the employees have to be doing their jobs for the love of this community. If the new Council would look the staff, they will never lead them astray.

Paul thanked Justin, Kevin and Craig for the opportunity to work with them and he appreciated learning from them. Paul stated that he has full confidence in the new Council Members that they will do a quality job too.

Kevin stated that he would like to express his apologies that if at anytime during his term as a Council member if has offended anyone. I have got red in the face and maybe said things that once the meeting is over the argument was over as well. I have learned so much from this experience and it has seasoned me for tougher jobs in the futures. I feel that I have given 120%. Kevin commented to the new Council member's that they are in for the ride of their life, it is a great experience. Kevin stated that he too believes that the employees are top notch. If the new Council ever have any questions all they need to do is look to the staff and they will help you anyway they can.

Craig stated that he has appreciated the frank and open discussions. The City Motto is "Looking to the future with Optimism". I don't feel bad about turning the city over to the new Council. Craig encouraged the new Council to trust in the staff and they will do you a good job.

James complimented Kevin, Craig and Justin for the great job they have done and his appreciation to the employees for all they do.

Ron Elton stated that Grantsville LLC has signed the sewer line easements and it has been recorded.

Recorder Palmer expressed appreciation for the consistency in Justin and Kevin's decisions and how much she has appreciated being able to depend on Craig for always being there for the employees for the past 8 years.

ADJOURN: Craig made the motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Kevin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wendy Palmer, City Recorder

Byron Anderson, Mayor