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MINUTES OF THE WORK MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, HELD ON MARCH 20, 2019 AT THE GRANTSVILLE CITY HALL, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, GRANTSVILLE, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor and Council Members Present:

Mayor Brent Marshall

Krista Sparks

Jeff Hutchins

Scott Stice

Jewel Allen

Neil Critchlow

Appointed Officers and Employees Present:

Brett Coombs, City Attorney

Christine Webb, City Recorder

Citizens and Guests Present:

Mark Watson

AGENDA:

1. Discussion on agenda and meeting procedures.

Mayor Marshall provided the Council with a copy of Resolution 2011-16 adopting rules of order, procedure, ethical behavior and civil discourse for the Grantsville City Council. He thought it would be easy for the Council to amend this rather than have to come up with something new.

Mayor Marshall explained that Christine Webb had drafted a pamphlet with the rules that the meeting would follow for residents. The Council members liked the idea of the pamphlet and felt that it would be useful. Councilman Stice suggested adding information about public comments and public hearings to the pamphlet. He believed there should be a pamphlet for the Planning Commission Meetings.

The Council discussed their ideas of when the public comments on land use issues and how to handle those situations. The Council members agreed that if the public commented whether they were in favor or against a land use item that would be all right. However, the problem comes when the comments start getting into details that the Planning Commission may not have had when they made their recommendation on that item. The Council assigned Attorney Coombs with stopping people from crossing the line to public hearing comments. Councilwoman Allen requested that if anyone received an email with concerns from citizens that they share them with the rest of the Council. Councilman Hutchins stated he would like to have public comments collected on the website and then emailed to them.

Councilman Stice explained the problem with allowing people to comment on land use items and they begin to “get in the weeds” is that you are not giving the other side the chance to rebut. He added that is what a public hearing is for; for both sides to have the opportunity to provide information. The Council and Mr. Coombs discussed due process rights and how they are affected in this situation.

Councilwoman Allen asked Mr. Coombs to give her the Code which regulates public comments on land use issues that have not been heard by the Planning Commission. She would like to be able to refer to it when asked by citizens. Mr. Coombs provided Councilwoman Allen with U.C.A. §10-9A-205 regarding public hearings on land use regulations. Councilman Stice commented that if there was something the Council needed to hear which could affect the vote, they should hear it before they vote. He added that if the information is a huge deal, then they may have to table the item until a later meeting. Mayor Marshall and the Council agreed to have the public comments at the beginning of the City Council meetings.

Mayor Marshall cited U.C.A. §10-3-606 regarding public comments. The Council were in favor of adopting a statement to address the length of time allowed for commenting. They decided to add a statement to the agenda regarding comments on land use items. Councilman Hutchins suggested clarifying that the Council will not take public comments on land use issues. Councilman Stice proposed adding a statement to the Planning and Zoning letter that is sent out stating the public hearing is the opportunity for citizens to speak on a land use issue. Councilman Critchlow recommended using social media to disperse information. Mrs. Webb reported that the agendas for the City Council and Planning Commission Meetings are posted on Facebook by Corinna Mathis. Councilman Critchlow asked if the city uses twitter to share information. The city does not at this time.

The Council members discussed their recommendations to amend Resolution 2011-16. They felt a statement should be added to regulate public comments. Councilman Stice asked about section 3, the fourth line down: “The Mayor may be reversed on matters of procedures by a majority vote of the other City Council members present and entitled to vote.” Mayor Marshall stated that he did not know why that sentence was there because he is not allowed to vote except to break a tie. Mr. Coombs interpreted that to be just in regards to procedure of the meeting. Councilman Critchlow said the word “other” in the sentence should be removed. Mr. Coombs will make the amendments and have them on the next agenda for approval.

Councilwoman Sparks suggested adding information on the agenda stating that land use items (agenda items #__ and __) have already had a public hearing at P & Z and no comments on those items will be allowed. Residents may send comments directly to the Council members by email. Councilman Critchlow said that he would like to have those items highlighted with a statement that no public comments will be taken. Councilwoman Allen asked if the P & Z agenda has Kristy’s email. She would like to have Kristy’s email available on Facebook so that people can send their comments to her for the public hearings.

Mr. Coombs inquired on the statement in section 5 Reconsideration of City Council decisions which reads, “The City Council may reconsider any of its decisions upon the petition of an

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interested party or by a member of the City Council. An interested party shall within thirty (30) days of a City Council decision submit a written petition for reconsideration of the City Council.” He asked if that was a concern for any of the Council members. Councilwoman Allen felt that is was fine.

Mayor Marshall asked the Council if they were open to having a parliamentary procedures training in a work meeting.

2. Adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Critchlow made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.