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**MINUTES OF THE WORK MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL,
HELD ON APRIL 12, 2023 AT THE GRANTSVILLE CITY HALL, 429 EAST MAIN
STREET, GRANTSVILLE, UTAH AND ON ZOOM. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00
P.M.**

Mayor and Council Members Present:

Mayor Neil Critchlow
Jolene Jenkins
Scott Bevan
Jeff Hutchins
Darrin Rowberry
Jewel Allen

Council Members Not Present:

Appointed Officers and Employees Present:

Sherrie Broadbent, Finance Director
Robert Sager, Police Chief
Braydee Baugh, Recorder
Jesse Wilson, City Manager
Brett Coombs, City Attorney

Citizens and Guests Present:

Alexis Stewart, Trini Bassett

AGENDA:

1. Discussion regarding Grantsville City Justice Court

Mayor Critchlow advised he is waiting for information from Jim Peters. Mr. Wilson advised he will reach out the next business day. Mayor Critchlow advised that he would like to reduce the cost and increase the revenue. Mayor Critchlow went over the proposed budget provided by Judge Elton. Mayor Critchlow asked Court Clerk Trini Bassett what the total in fines the court accepted were. Ms. Bassett did not have the information off hand. Mayor Critchlow advised his intention is to request that Tooele County allow the Grantsville City Justice Court to prosecute the citations/crimes for the northern part of the county. Attorney Coombs advised the City could adopt the ordinances that officers would then cite; the City could then keep all the fines from the citation. Mayor Critchlow asked how difficult that task would be. Attorney Coombs advised it would be a large undertaking but doable. Ms. Bassett advised the Court is here to serve the residents of Grantsville who could be indigent and unable to commute to Tooele. Mayor Critchlow advised the question is not related to efficiency-its related to the cost vs revenue issues.

Councilmember Jenkins advised although the Justice Court is not considered essential like the Police Department but is still a service that should be provided to the residents of Grantsville City. Ms. Bassett explained the court also assists with expunging criminal records and small claims. Mayor Critchlow asked if there was a way to get the State surcharged removed. Attorney Coombs advised there was not as it is State Legislature and Utah State Court that make that determination. Ms. Stewart advised that Grantsville City is growing and cases have tripled or doubled over the last months and Tooele County is the fastest growing county in the State and the cost is going to be closer to the revenue due to that fact. Councilmember Allen asked what the shortfall of the court is. Mayor Critchlow advised there is an \$180,000 shortfall. Councilmember Jenkins advised that raising taxes in small increments. Councilmember Hutchins advised he would like to review the budget with the Justice Court in mind and would like to explore other ways to reduce the gap between revenue and cost. Attorney Coombs will be investigating the process and citations that could be potentially adopted under the Municipal Code.

2. Discussion regarding the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Sherrie Broadbent was present for this item. Ms. Broadbent advised the Court is always in a deficit and it is planned for. Ms. Broadbent advised there were errors with allocations so the budget accounts are not accurate. Ms. Broadbent advised the public notice for the budget needs to be out by April 21st. Ms. Broadbent asked the Council how they would like to address the shortfalls and overages for the FLEX benefits. Councilmember Hutchins asked how many employees are impacted. Mr. Wilson advised they are currently auditing the account to determine how many employees will be affected by this error. There was discussions regarding the design of a new animal shelter. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the ARPA funds could be used in anticipation of growth projects.

3. Closed Session (Personnel, Real Estate, Imminent Litigation).

Councilmember Hutchins made the motion to enter into a closed session

Closed session started at 8:27pm

Closed session ended at 8:48 pm

4. Adjourn.

Motion: Councilmember Allen made the motion to adjourn

Second: Councilmember Hutchins seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was as follows: Councilmember Rowberry, “Aye”, Councilmember Hutchins, “Aye”, Councilmember Stice, “Aye”, Councilmember Allen “Aye”, and Councilmember Sparks, “Aye”. The motion carried.