

PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**AUGUST 26, 2014
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

**LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
25 SOUTH 200 EAST
PANGUITCH, UTAH 84759**

Those present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Eric Houston, City Manager Lori Talbot, City Recorder Donna Osborn, Council Members, Lloyd Brinkerhoff, Rick Miller, Trudi Owens, Tim Smith, and Attorney Barry Huntington.

Kim Soper was absent.

Others present were Jake Hardman and Lamont Olsen.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Barry Huntington conducted the opening ceremony.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Trudi Owens to adopt the agenda as outlined. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trudi Owens moved, seconded by Tim Smith to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

AIRPORT BID AWARD

Panguitch City received five bids on the airport lighting project. The apparent low bid was received from All Tech out of Tooele for \$310,269. The highest bid was \$587,000. The FAA recommended approval of the bid from All Tech.

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved seconded by Rick Miller to accept the bid from All Tech for \$310,269 for the airport lighting project. The motion passed with all in favor.

JAKE HARDMAN - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jake Hardman presented three incentive programs and distributed a handout on each program.

The Rural Fast Track Program is a matching grant for up to \$50,000 for an existing business to expand or grow their business. The application is reviewed by a 3

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member committee. The Gem Theater applied for this grant, but was denied because of financial and profitability issues.

The Enterprise Zone Program offers tax credits for businesses investing in the area. Panguitch City has renewed their enterprise zone for all of Panguitch City so all businesses in Panguitch are eligible for the tax credits.

The Economic Development Project for Rural Counties involves 4 economic development tiers to help build a community to support and grow business.

The Better City Corporation will meet with community and county leaders Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in Justin Fischer's office to help identify the strengths and weaknesses of the county and cities in developing strategic plans. The Better City group will help to develop and implement strategic economic plans.

The need for access to education and training was discussed. There is a concurrent enrollment project at the high school which allows the students to take college courses while completing their high school graduation requirements. Other sources for education and training are the Southwest Applied Technology College and Southern Utah University located in Cedar City. Graduates of Panguitch High School who have their education and would like to come back to Panguitch could be a strength to building the economy.

Lamont Olsen arrived after the discussion, but wanted to ask questions about the Gem Theater and what can be done to help the theater get back into business. Jake Hardman briefly reviewed the incentive programs and the reasons the Rural Fast Track Grant was denied to the Gem Theater.

Jake Hardman discussed the establishment of a 501(c)3 non profit organization. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization can accept donations for earmarked projects and offer the donor a 50% state income tax credit. The Main Street Organization may already have a non-profit status which could be used for donations. Lamont Olsen expressed an interest in participating in the establishment of a 501(c)3 organization and helping to make contacts for donations. The council invited Lamont Olsen to the Main Street committee meetings held the 1st Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the City / Library Conference Room.

City Manager Lori Talbot will share the information presented tonight with business owners and community leaders and encourage them to contact Jake Hardman with any questions.

BRIDGE REPAIR - 175 NORTH

Possible ways of repairing and improving the bridge on 175 North were discussed. A permanent repair with a wing wall and a culvert could be installed to avoid future problems. The Council will research the best method to make the repair.

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Tim Smith to repair the bridge on 175 North with a wing wall and a culvert. The motion passed with all in favor.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Rick Miller to enter executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel. Those invited into the executive session were Mayor Eric Houston, City Manager Lori Talbot, Attorney Barry Huntington, Recorder Donna Osborn, and Council members, Lloyd Brinkerhoff, Rick Miller, Trudi Owens, and Tim Smith. The motion passed with all in favor.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Lloyd Brinkerhoff to end the executive session at 7:57 p.m. The motion passed with all in favor.

PENDING BUSINESS

There were no changes in the pending business list.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water Leak on Center Street: Rick Miller recommended that the city run a new 8" water line from approximately 600 East Center to 700 East Center to avoid future repairs.

Grandstand: Some repairs have been made to the grandstand, but more work needs to be done to make the grandstands safe.

Sound System at the Fair Building: Rick Miller recommended that a sound system be installed in the fair building.

ATV Rally: Trudi Owens reported she heard good reports on the ATV Rally. The riders reported that the people of Panguitch were very friendly and helpful. There were 230 registered riders this year.

One-Way Street: In response to citizen questions to the council about the one-way street on 100 West at the Elementary School, the council responded that the street will be one-way permanently to avoid confusion.

Events: Mayor Eric Houston complimented the city staff and employees on their hard work this summer to help with events. The council thanked the employees for doing a good job.

CURRENT BILLS The council reviewed the current bills to be paid.

Trudi Owens moved, seconded by Rick Miller to pay the current bills. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Eric Houston, Mayor

Donna Osborn, City Recorder

