

PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
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 Pro Tem Tim Smith, City Manager Lori Talbot, City Recorder Donna Osborn, Council Members, Lloyd Brinkerhoff, Rick Miller, Trudi Owens, Nick Reynolds, and Attorney Barry Huntington. Mayor Eric Houston was excused.

Others present were Art Cooper, Garrett Wolfley, Sheriff Danny Perkins, Randy Yard, Becky Yard, Karen Schroyer, Garrett Finch, and Doug Carriger from Sunrise Engineering.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Smith at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Nick Reynolds 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

Rick Miller moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

UP COMING MEETINGS

Clerk Conference - Donna Osborn - September 25-27, 2013 - Cedar City

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Rick Miller to approve attendance at the annual Clerk Conference for Donna Osborn on September 25-27, 2013 in Cedar City. The motion passed with all in favor.

Library Certification Training - Kathy Talbot - September 12-13, 2013 - Cedar City

This training is necessary to qualify for the Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF) from Utah State, which amounts to over \$4,000.00 a year.

Trudi Owens moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve attendance at the Library Certification Training for Kathy Talbot on September 12-13, 2013 in Cedar City. The motion passed with all in favor.

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POLICE REPORT

Sheriff Danny Perkins distributed the Officer Activity Report to the Council members. Sheriff Perkins reported that the Banditos Motorcycle gang were here on Labor Day weekend. Only two minor incidents occurred involving the Banditos.

Changes at the jail include the retirement of Jail Commander Melvin Miller at the end of the year. Also, an additional three correction officers will be hired. These officers will attend Post training in January. These officers will be helpful with inmate work crews throughout the County.

Sheriff Perkins does not recommend sending a city maintenance worker to Post to assist with dog catching and other duties. There are too many drawbacks with liabilities, insurance issues, etc. The hiring of three new officers should help with the City needs.

Council Member Trudi Owens complimented the Sheriff's Department for the good job they do in our community.

GARRETT FINCH - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Garrett Wolfley and Garrett Finch were present to inform the City Council on their Eagle Scout projects of relocating and finishing the new fire pit at the City Park. Garrett Wolfley completed phase 1 for his Eagle Scout project, which consisted of constructing the concrete walled pit. Garrett Wolfley's final cost for his project was \$641.60.

Garrett Finch presented his Eagle Scout Project of finishing the fire pit with fire proof brick. Garrett Finch's project will require 650 bricks, 4 fire clay tubs, the delivery truck and fuel charge for a total cost of \$1,633.50. He would like to start as soon as possible on his project.

These Eagle Scout Projects have been very well planned and presented.

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to fund the Eagle Scout Project of finishing the fire pit for Garrett Finch for \$1633.50 and to accept the report of Garrett Wolfley. The motion passed with all in favor.

PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Trudi Owens moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to accept the City Council Committee Assignments through the end of December 2013 as outlined. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CHIP SEAL REQUEST

City Manager Lori Talbot presented the School District's request that the city chip seal on the south side of the elementary school in the city right-of-way, and to put millings from the UDOT main and center street project at the middle school. Several options were discussed including the following:

- requesting the School District to provide the oil, the city to provide the chips, and the County to lay the chip sealing.
- requesting that the School District put in the original chip sealing, and then the City will maintain it in the future.
- put in the millings from the UDOT project at both schools and possibly chip seal at the elementary school when the City chip seals the streets in that quadrant of town.

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The bottom line is if the City has enough money to chip seal the right-of-way at the elementary school. City Manager Lori Talbot stated that the City is struggling with sufficient budget to chip seal our city streets.

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Rick Miller to put the millings down at the middle school and the elementary school, and when the time comes to chip seal the section of town where the elementary school is located to see what the cost would be to include this right-of-way. Lloyd Brinkerhoff, Rick Miller, and Trudi Owens voted in favor of the motion. Nick Reynolds abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

CROSSING GUARD

Stacy Dalton has resigned as crossing guard. Lori Talbot asked the council if the City wants to continue to provide a crossing guard. About half of the cities Lori Talbot checked with provided a crossing guard and half did not. Tim Smith suggested that the city absorb the crossing guard duties into the employees' duties offering comp time for the morning duty. Currently, the city pays approximately \$5,000.00 for the crossing guard.

Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Rick Miller to incorporate the crossing guard duties into the city employees' duties on a rotating basis, providing the employees' regular duties permit. The motion passed with all in favor.

SOLAR POWER PLANT

City Manager Lori Talbot informed the Council that the City has received a proposal from Solexus, a solar power company, to lease 17 acres at the Industrial Park for a solar power plant. The company would employ up to 5 workers from which 2 to 4 could be local citizens. The solar panels need to be located within 1 mile of a substation. The location at the Industrial Park would provide for this need.

Another possible alternative location for Solexus is the BLM property adjacent to the Garfield County jail. Lori Talbot has checked with the BLM and been informed that Panguitch City cannot request the land for use by Solexus, but Solexus could present their proposal to the BLM.

The benefit from Solexus to the community would be the 2 to 4 jobs, the lease payment for the property, startup needs such as concrete, etc, and energy taxes. The consensus of the Council is to keep the 17 acres at the Industrial Park open for a business that would create more jobs for the Panguitch citizens.

Rick Miller moved, seconded by Lloyd Brinkerhoff to suggest that Solexus check with the BLM for use of BLM land for the solar power plant. The motion passed with all in favor.

TRIPLE C ARENA

The roof still leaks at the Triple C Arena. Council members have been approached by citizens concerned about the conditions at the Triple C. Maintenance needs to be done, and cleaning of the restrooms and emptying the trash needs to take place during events.

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The Council discussed the possible need for additional help to clean and maintain the Triple C. Councilman Lloyd Brinkerhoff stated that it is his understanding that with the 3 new guards at the jail, inmate work crews will be more available to help with the cleaning and maintenance at the Triple C as well as help with other events.

The Triple C committee has not met regularly since February. Lori Talbot will get the committee meetings scheduled, and these issues can be discussed by this committee.

There has been good attendance at the events held at the Triple C this summer.

PENDING BUSINESS

The swimming pool agreement has been signed by the City and the School District. The City will receive the money for the swimming pool building in November.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway 143: Nick Reynolds questioned when the lines on south main street which is part of Highway 143 will be painted. This area is becoming a safety hazard. Lori Talbot will check with UDOT on this issue.

Baseball Park: The property on the north of the baseball park is for sale. Rick Miller suggested that the City check into purchasing this property to help extend the parking at the baseball park. There are prairie dogs on this property which could affect the use of the property. Lori Talbot will check on the price of the property.

Propane for the Balloon Festival: Lloyd Brinkerhoff reported that complaints have been brought to the Main Street committee about the propane used by the balloon pilots during the Balloon Festival. The propane tank temporarily used by the balloon pilots causes an unpleasant odor especially at the restaurants in the area, and is a safety hazard. Also, this method of providing propane is now against code.

The Main Street committee has proposed some options. Purchasing a propane tank, setting up a pump station and hoses would cost approximately \$12,000 is one option. Another proposal is to rent propane tanks and locate them on city property at the city shop/shed and the Triple C Arena.

The Main Street committee would like to continue to use the services of GarKane Energy since they are generous in donating to the City events, and the price is reasonable. Lloyd Brinkerhoff will talk to GarKane Energy and keep the Council informed.

Craft Fair: The craft fair will be held the second weekend of November.

Hospital Foundation Dinner: This annual dinner will be held on October 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer's Barn & Grill in Bryce Canyon. The City normally purchases 2 tables at the cost of \$150.00 per table. Each table seats eight people.

Requests from Harshad Desai: The City receives faxes from Mr. Desai weekly to each council member requesting to set up a meeting. It is the Council's request that they not have direct contact with Harshad Desai until the litigation between Mr. Desai and the City is resolved. Attorney Barry Huntington will write a letter to Mr. Desai.

New dog ordinance: The Council requested that a notice of the new changes in the dog ordinance be posted at the Post Office.

City Newsletter: The City newsletter costs approximately \$1,000.00 to print and mail. To cut costs, the City will publish a newsletter this fall and will include a message that the newsletters will no longer be sent to every household, but will be available online or at the City Office. The availability of the newsletter on the City website or at the City Office will be printed on the spring water bills.

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Janitorial Services and Social Hall Monitor: Stacy Dalton has submitted her resignation on janitorial services at the City Office/Library and the Fire Station. The City also needs to hire a Social Hall monitor. These positions will be advertised in the Insider for the next two weeks.

City Springs: The Council members are invited to inspect the springs that provide culinary water for Panguitch City. This inspection is set for Monday, September 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. ATV's will be required to make this trip. Anyone interested including engineers are invited for this inspection.

J. P. FINES REPORT

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Lloyd Brinkerhoff to approve the J. P. Fines report. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Tim Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

Donna Osborn, City Recorder