

## **PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MAY 14, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

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

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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, Laura Mosdell, Nick Reynolds, Tim Smith, Attorney Barry Huntington, and City Treasurer Carla Farnsworth.

Others present were Art Cooper, Sheriff Danny Perkins, Brian Stowe, Brian Bremner, Tammy Bennett with 3 FCCLA students and 6 students from the high school and middle school.

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

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Rick Miller conducted the opening ceremony.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

### **UP COMING MEETINGS**

**Employee adopt a highway cleanup - May 17, 2013 - 7:00 a.m. - meet at the bar.** All members of the City Council were invited to help with the cleanup.

**City wide cleanup week May 13 - 18, 2013.**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Sheriff Danny Perkins distributed the Officer Activity Report to the Council members. He reported that the Sheriff's Department is steady. The jail is currently full. Sheriff Perkins asked for questions. Councilman Tim Smith asked about dog problems.

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There is a reluctance for citizens to call the Sheriff's department for dog problems. Councilman Smith asked if three of four private citizens could be contracted as dog catchers and given a small portion of the impound fee for bringing in dogs running at large. Attorney Barry Huntington will research the legality of this proposal. He stated that training would be needed. Sheriff Perkins pointed out the potential of abuse of this system. It was recommended that City employees be trained and offered incentives for bringing in dogs running at large.

**7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG GRANT FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK**

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to go into a public hearing to consider the CDBG grant for the Fire Department. The motion passed will all in favor.**

Those present for the public hearing were Art Cooper, Sheriff Danny Perkins, Brian Stowe, Brian Bremner, Tammy Bennett with 3 FCCLA students and 6 students from the high school and middle school.

Mayor Eric Houston opened the second public hearing for the CDBG program. Mayor Houston stated that this hearing was called to allow all citizens to provide input concerning the project that was awarded under the 2013 Community Development Block Grant. The City has amended its capital investment plan and decided to apply for funds on behalf of the Panguitch Fire Department at 40 North 100 East. The mayor introduced City Manager Lori Talbot as representing the Panguitch Fire Department. The Mayor explained that the application was successful in the regional rating and ranking process and Procurement of a Fire Truck for Panguitch City Fire Department was awarded \$150,000, a portion of the \$650,000 awarded by the Five County Association of Governments. The Mayor explained the project to those in attendance. The Mayor then asked for any comments, questions and concerns from the audience. High School student Drew Fischer asked about the income criteria covered on the survey conducted by the Fire Department. Mayor Houston responded that 51% of the residents of Panguitch had to be considered low income to qualify for the grant. Garfield County has committed \$50,000 to the project and Panguitch City has committed \$25,000 to the project. Drew Fischer than asked how many fire trucks Panguitch City has. The Mayor responded that the City has 5 fire trucks which includes 2 engines and 2 water pump trucks and 1 reserve engine. Councilman Rick Miller stated that the new fire truck is a small rescue truck to replace a 1985 truck, which will be donated to the Panguitch Lake Fire Department. Brian Stowe commented that the new truck has a 350 gallon capacity with more pressure. Attorney Barry Huntington asked if this is a full grant and not a loan. The Mayor responded that this a matching grant with a total of \$230,000. The Mayor stated that copies of the capital investment plan are available if anyone would like a copy. There were no more comments and the hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to come out of the public hearing. The motion passed with all in favor.**

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**FCCLA - DONATION FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE - JULY 2013**

Tammy Bennett was present with 3 of her FCCLA state champion participants. She informed the council that of the 39 from Panguitch High School who participated in state FCCLA, 11 students took state championships for their FCCLA projects. They qualified to attend the national convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Some of the FCCLA projects included teach & train, personal communications, bullying, food innovations, recycle & redesign, focus on children and career investigation. The FCCLA students are requesting donations to help them attend the nationals in Nashville. They will do service in exchange for the donation.

**Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Lloyd Brinkerhoff to donate \$1000 to the FCCLA students for their trip to the national convention in Nashville. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**LIBRARY POSITIONS**

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of personnel for the 2 library positions. The motion passed with all in favor. Those invited into the executive session were Mayor Eric Houston, City Manager Lori Talbot, Recorder Donna Osborn, Attorney Barry Huntington, and Council Members Lloyd Brinkerhoff, Rick Miller, Laura Mosdell, Nick Reynolds, and Tim Smith.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Lloyd Brinkerhoff moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to come out of executive session. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Rick Miller to offer the library positions to Kathy Talbot and Tyrissa Howell. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**LETTER TO FOREST SERVICE ON ROADS**

Mayor Eric Houston would like the city council to draft a letter to the Forest Service with their concerns about road closures.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Rick Miller to give Mayor Eric Houston the authority to write a letter to the Forest Service on road closures. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**SEWER CLEANING**

City Manager Lori Talbot sought the approval of the City council to spend \$10,000 for the cleaning of sewer lines. Panguitch City will split the cost of mobilization with Beaver City for Twin D to clean the sewer lines.

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**Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Tim Smith to approve the cleaning of the sewer lines up to a \$10,000 cost. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**CONDUCTING CITY ELECTION BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

City Recorder Donna Osborn informed the council that cities in Utah can now do an entire election by mail-in ballots. The ballots would be sent to each registered voter 28 days before the election. Signatures would be compared and ascertained through the voter records. Garfield County Clerk Camille Moore expresses approval of the mail-in ballot. She informed Donna that the voter participation for those communities using this system in Garfield County has increased by 20% or more. Camille Moore also considers this system to be easier and less expensive.

Mayor Eric Houston feels voters should take the incentive and come out to the polling place to vote. Council member Laura Mosdell stated that it is the way of the future, but it is impersonal. Councilman Nick Reynolds stated that it detracts from the importance of voting. The potential for fraud was also mentioned. Mayor Houston suggested that the council research and talk to people in the community and think about this process for elections and discuss this next meeting.

**Rick Miller moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to table the conducting of the city election by absentee ballot until next meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**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.**

**TRIPLE C ARENA**

There will be a barrel race this weekend, and Little Britches will begin their season on Memorial Weekend.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

Mayor Houston reported the swimming pool issue is getting closer to being resolved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Jury Trial:** Attorney Barry Huntington reported that there will be a jury trial on May 31, 2013.

**Ball Fields:** Nick Reynolds reported that the Icebreaker Tournament this past weekend was well attended.

**Library Board Meeting:** Laura Mosdell informed the council there will be a library board meeting on Thursday.

**Main Street Board Meeting:** Lloyd Brinkerhoff reported that there are 35 hot air balloons scheduled for the Balloon Festival. On Friday, June 28, 2013 there will be a

singing contest, and the winner will sing the National Anthem at the Tour of Utah bicycle race in August. The Taste of Panguitch which is held in conjunction with the  
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Fiddler's Festival will be changed to the Fiddler's Feast. There have been 20 tables sold for the Giant Yard Sale on May 25, 2013.

**Run for Debbie:** Mayor Eric Houston reported that there were 700 registered for the Run for Debbie Pollock. The race was very successful. The Panguitch Fire Department sponsored a firefighters contest after the race. Many participated in this event at \$5.00 per person. The Hot Shots group from Cedar City participated in this event. Justin Peterson took first place and Mike Johnson came in 3<sup>rd</sup> just behind the Hot Shots.

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

**Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to pay the current bills. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

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Eric Houston, Mayor

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Donna Osborn, City Recorder