
PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MAY 23, 2023
CITY COUNCIL – 5:30 P.M.
25 S 200 E PANGUITCH CITY OFFICE
PANGUITCH, UT 84759**

Those present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Kim Soper, City Manager Lori Talbot, City Treasurer Carla Farnsworth, City Recorder Tyrissa Howell, Council Members Paul Dastrup, Mark Boshell, Mike Sarles and Tracy Wright. Council Member David Dodds and City Attorney Barry Huntington were in attendance by Zoom.

Others present were Collette Cox, Benj Rains, Mike Tebbs, Pat Oetting, Sheryl Henrie, Jeremy Reaszler, Kelly Holman, Harshad Desai, David Owens, Lorraine Owens and Lola Henrie.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

Council Member Paul Dastrup conducted the opening ceremony.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mike Sarles moved, seconded by Tracy Wright to adopt the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Paul Dastrup moved, seconded by Mark Boshell to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

Mark Boshell moved, seconded by Mike Sarles to approve accounts payable as shown. The motion passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING FINAL 2023-2024 BUDGET

Mayor Kim Soper opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Harshad Desai stated that he has lived in Panguitch since 1992 and lives at 699 North Main. He stated he cannot find the surplus listed in the budget and asked if the budget exceeds the maximum limit allowed. He stated that revenues jumped from 1.3 million to 2.3 million so can the city refund money to the taxpayers. According to Utah code 10-3-818, the city is required to make it clear what each employee makes and what each employee did more for the public than they did the previous year to earn a raise. Panguitch City does not have a swimming pool or a workout facility but is getting a new firetruck when Panguitch already has old firetrucks. He asked if the money from the county is a loan or a grant. He stated that the City should let the judicial system go because the State doesn't mandate it and the county has a judicial system. He then asked what Panguitch City does about the money at Zions Bank that goes above the FDIC-insured amount.

Carla Farnsworth, the City Treasurer stated that the surplus amount is released after the audit each year and employees' wages are reported on the transparency website. Mayor Kim Soper stated that raises are approved by the City Council and that the Firetruck was done through a public hearing and the \$100,000 from the county is money towards the firetruck. Carla also stated that Panguitch City does not have more than \$250,000 in Zions Bank. All three funds are balanced and there is some money going into surplus.

The Mayor closed the Pubic Hearing at 5:47 PM

Paul Dastrup moved, seconded by Mark Boshell to approve the 2023 -2024 Budget. The motion passed with all in favor.

FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT

Mike Sarles moved, seconded by Tracy Wright to accept the fraud risk assessment as shown in the document. The motion passed with all in favor.

OPEN MEETING TRAINING

City Attorney Barry Huntington reviewed the required Open Meeting rules and procedures.

COLLETTE COX – GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Collette Cox spoke of Utah being the best state to start a business and having the fastest population growth. She stated she is from the Lieutenant Governor’s Office of Economic Development and there are up to \$600,000 in grants available in rural Utah. She would like to help Panguitch with economic development and any grant opportunities they would like to work on.

KELLY HOLMAN – SOFTBALL FIELD

Kelly Holman requested a plan for the softball fields. The City Council reviewed the current plan. Sunrise Engineering will have the survey done within a week. The County will level the fields. Rocky Mountain Fencing will then do the fences and dugouts. In June, the school district will be installing sprinklers and laying sod. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the sod-laying process. There was also a discussion on possible future restrooms and concessions.

HORSESHOE PITS – BENJ RAINS

The County has agreed to pay for turf and concrete at the horseshoe pits. One Bid was received for electrical work on the lights. The City requires three bids on projects over \$5000. City Manager Lori Talbot will put the project out for two more bids. Benj asked for support selling fundraiser bricks.

ORDINANCE 2023-1 CITY RIGHT OF WAY

The council will schedule a work meeting day to work on the right-of-way ordinance.

DOG POUND

A premade metal 12x24 building that will hold 4-6 dogs will cost around \$50,000. The City Council would like to see what local builders could build it for. Paul Dastrup offered to design a building plan.

TRIPLE C SIGNAGE

The cost estimate to repair the Triple C sign is \$42,760. The County Commission has approved covering half of the expense.

Mark Boshell moved, seconded by Mike Sarles to approve up to \$21,380.50 for the Triple C Sign with the correction of the creation date on the bid document. The motion passed with all in favor.

BEER PERMIT – FAMILY DOLLAR

Paul Dastrup moved, seconded by Tracy Wright to approve the beer permit for the Family Dollar. Mark Boshell approved. Mike Sarles opposed. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/CALANDER

Court Case – The case in court was dropped because of evidence.

Marilyn Bulkley Memorial Park – The riverbank at the Marilyn Bulkley Memorial Park is being washed away.

City Office HVAC – The HVAC repair bill for March and April was \$10,853.92. There are missing parts that can't be replaced.

Springs – The Division of Drinking Water will be here tomorrow to test the spring water. If the test is good the spring water will go back into the system.

Complaints – A complaint was received regarding trash on private property. Because it was anonymous a response cannot be given to the complainant to let them know the city can't clean up private property.

Thank You – A message was received acknowledging Shannon Fawson and her daughters' efforts in cleaning up the Quilt Walk Park.

Two Sunsets Hotel – The Two Sunsets Hotel is having an Open House this Saturday, May 29th from 2-4 PM.

Aspen Valley Subdivision – The roads in the Aspen Valley Subdivision are ready to be chip sealed.

Bryce Canyon Centennial – June 8th at 11 AM the Governor will be at the Bryce Canyon Centennial Celebration.

Landfill – The landfill limb pile was burned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Sarles moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Kim Soper, Mayor

Tyrissa Howell, City Recorder