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# *PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES*

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PANGUITCH CITY OFFICE  
CONFERENCE ROOM, 25 S 200 E  
PANGUITCH, UTAH 84759  
MAY 14, 2024, 5:30 PM

Those present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Kim Soper, City Manager Mat Houston, City Recorder Tyrissa Howell, City Attorney Barry Huntington, City Treasurer Carla Farnsworth, and Council Members Paul Dastrup, Tracy Wright, and Cindy Stewart. Council Members Mike Sarles and David Dodds were in attendance via Zoom.

Others present were Robert Volkman, AJ Johnson, Kaden Figgins, Julie Bishop, Jill Nowers, Ed Ryan, and Beth Ryan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

Council Member Paul Dastrup conducted the opening ceremony.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Cindy Stewart 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 Cindy Stewart to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

## ADOPT THE TENTATIVE 2024-2025 BUDGET

City Treasurer Carla Farnsworth stated that a 5% COLA raise is included in the budget. The general fund, water fund, and sewer fund are all balanced. With \$29,000 going into a sewer infrastructure fund.

**Cindy Stewart moved seconded by Tracy to adopt the 2024-2025 tentative budget. The motion passed with all in favor.**

## AJ JOHNSON

AJ Johnson spoke to the City Council asking that the City Council look at changing the short-term rental ordinance. AJ previously applied to the Planning and Zoning, City Council, and the Board of Adjustments to license his accessory dwelling as a short-term rental and was denied.

Kaden Figgins from Garfield County discussed why the county allows accessory dwelling units to operate as short-term rentals. Kaden stated that ADUs benefit the primary property owner and don't take other housing from the housing supply. ADU short-term rentals are smaller units and the owner is on site. ADUs don't change the neighborhood feel. Some rules the county has on ADUs are that either the main dwelling or ADU can be a STR, not both. and the ADU has to be 10 feet from the main dwelling and cannot exceed 1000 square feet. Paul Dastrup stated that Panguitch City has already denied people with similar situations. Mike Sarles said he is not opposed to allowing ADUs. Mayor Kim Soper stated that short-term rentals are taking long-term rentals off the market. And that the state has started allowing ADUs to provide long-term rentals in the housing shortage. David Dodds stated that people are tired of short-term rentals and he would like to encourage long-term rentals. Cindy Stewart stated that she has a hard time telling people what they can do with their property, but that long-term rentals are hard to find. Kaden Figgins said maybe Panguitch City needs to place a cap on how many short-term rentals are allowed. Mayor Kim Soper stated that the council will discuss the short-term rental ordinance and possibly meet for a work meeting.

**DONATION – ADVERTISING FOR SPEAKER GLEN RAWSON/JILL NOWERS**

Jill Nowers came to the City Council representing the DUP. The DUP has invited Glen Rawson to speak on September 10<sup>th</sup> and would like to ask Panguitch City to help with advertising costs. Jill Nowers was directed by the City Council to meet with Karma Albrecht about creating a flyer and advertising on social media. Jill did not know how much it would cost to advertise in the newspaper, so the council asked her to come back with a cost.

**SIGNAGE – COWBOY’S SMOKEHOUSE AT 80 N MAIN**

Paul Dastrup moved, seconded by Cindy Stewart to approve the signage for The Cowboy’s Smokehouse at 80 N Main. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SIGNAGE- CATTLEMEN’S STEAKHOUSE AT 95 N MAIN**

Paul Dastrup moved, seconded by Tracy Wright to approve the signage for Cattlemen’s Steakhouse at 95 N Main. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BUSINESS LICENSE – STREET SIDE ART/SLADER MATTHEW AT 55 E CENTER**

Mike Sarles moved, seconded by Cindy Stewart to approve the business license for Street Side Art at 55 E Center. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SHORT-TERM RENTAL – ROCKWELL RETREAT/RANDON JOHNSON AT 615 OAK STREET**

Tracy Wright moved seconded by Paul Dastrup to approve Rockwell Retreat for a short-term rental at 615 Oak Street. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SEASONAL EMPLOYEE PAY**

Cindy Stewart moved, seconded by Tracy Wright to approve raising the seasonal help to \$15 an hour. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SECONDARY WATER PROJECT W/ NRCS**

Jason Dodds spoke with the City Council about Panguitch City Co-Sponsoring the secondary water project with Garfield County. A lot of the irrigation lines are in

Panguitch City. Being a cosponsor would include Panguitch City in the meetings and planning.

Cindy Stewart moved, seconded by Paul Dastrup to approve Panguitch City Co-sponsoring with Garfield County and the NRCS. The motion passed with all in favor.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**City Right of Way** – The trees have been cleared off the right of way at 297 East 100 North. Businesses are using the city right of way to store their dumpsters. Trash is piling up on the ground at 390 N Main now that the dumpster has been removed.

**Panguitch Lake Dam** – The water level is lowering at the Panguitch Lake Dam. The core tests came back showing there is a void in the dam.

**New Firetruck** – The new firetruck is getting closer to being complete.

**Municipal Code** – The City Council discussed editing and updating the municipal code.

**Summer Food Program** – A summer food program has been approved for Panguitch, Bryce City, and Escalante. The program is for children 18 years or younger and does not require any approval or paperwork.

**Service Project** – Service project ideas are needed for the 9/11 day of service.

**Secondary Water** – Panguitch City was approved for a waiver on metering individual secondary water lines.

**Airport Runway Rehab** – A study was done at the airport, which showed there are no prairie dogs.

**City Clean Up Day** – The Adopt a Highway program has been discontinued. In place of that, the City Council discussed cleaning up around the Panguitch City Landfill or the City dumpsters site.

## ADJOURNMENT

Cindy Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

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Kim Soper, Mayor

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Tyrissa Howell, City Recorder

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