

PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**JANUARY 24, 2012
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

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

Present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Lori Talbot, City Manager Allen K. Henrie, Deputy Recorder Donna Osborn, City Maintenance Director David Owens, City Council members Eric Houston, Rick Miller, Laura Mosdell, Nick Reynolds, Tim Smith and Attorney Barry Huntington.

Others present were Scenic Byway 12 Coordinator John Holland, Art Cooper, Dave & Rachelle Mitchley, Randy & Becky Yard, Jolyn Smith, Linda Miller, Gary Bennett and School Students David Thomas, Drew Fischer, Garrett Finch, Dalan Bennett, and Taylor Bennett.

OPENING CEREMONY

Laura Mosdell conducted the opening ceremony.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Talbot informed the council members that the agenda has been amended to include Travel and Tourism Enhancement to be presented by Eric Houston.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to adopt the amended agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Laura Mosdell moved, seconded by Eric Houston to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- An open house sponsored by the Forest Service and the BLM to present information concerning the designation of the sage grouse as an endangered species will be held in Kanab at the Public Library on January 31, 2012 and in Cedar City at the Heritage Center on February 1, 2012.

- PCIB Meeting in Salt Lake City on February 2, 2012
- Triple C Committee meeting on February 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - DALAN BENNETT Dalan Bennett was present to request funding for his eagle scout project at the airport in the amount of \$380.00.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to pay for the supplies for Dalan Bennett's Eagle Scout Project. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCENIC BYWAY 12 ANNUAL REPORT - JOHN HOLLAND Coordinator John Holland distributed the Scenic Byway 12 annual report and 2 brochures on Scenic Byway 12. His annual report to the council is mandated by the bylaws of the Scenic Byway 12 committee. Mr. Holland informed the council that all communities on Highway 12 are represented on the committee and the land management entities are also represented. There are 21 voting members on the committee. Art Cooper is the representative from Panguitch.

In 2011 the Byway committee developed two Route Guide Brochures and completed the website byway12.com. Informational signs were also replaced. A 10 year academic study is being conducted on the economic impact on the communities along Scenic Byway 12.

Tim Smith commented that Scenic Byway 12 benefits our community. Art Cooper stated that he is very pleased with the committee's choice of John Holland as coordinator. Drew Fischer asked if the warranty on the highway signs covers vandalism. John Holland informed him that it does not.

FIREHOUSE LEASE The lease / sale of the old firehouse has been re-advertised. February 14, 2012 is the closing date for bids.

Attorney Barry Huntington informed the council that Becky Gregg has defaulted on payment for the doors she had installed at the firehouse. The Imperial company would like the city to pay for the doors, or the doors will be removed. Mayor Lori Talbot authorized Attorney Barry Huntington to made an offer of \$1500.00 to purchase the doors.

POOL Mayor Lori Talbot opened the discussion on the swimming pool by asking the council what price they feel would be necessary for the Garfield County School District to buy out the City's interests in the pool. Discussion centered on whether to replace the pool or to take over the operation and maintenance of the pool. Tim Smith expressed the opinion that if the City wants to take over the pool, we should make a new entrance and separate all costs including the heat, electricity, and water. The question of whether the new entrance could be installed and still have use of the restrooms and locker rooms was discussed.

Eric Houston commented that we should sit down with the school board and come up with an acceptable agreement. Allen Henrie thinks it would cost \$250,000 to make the changes necessary for the City to take over the pool.

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The City could bond for a new pool through a Revenue Bond, which would be on a ballot for the citizen's vote or through a General Obligation Bond by Council vote. Allen Henrie also stated that whether we build a new pool or take over the existing pool we would need to have an increase in property taxes to help offset the costs of operating the pool. Nick Reynolds pointed out that the pool is still leaking, and the leak would need to be repaired. The existing pool may be past its useful life.

Eric Houston moved, seconded by Tim Smith to authorize Allen Henrie to prepare a letter to the Garfield County School District requesting \$700,000 to buy out the swimming pool and to separate our interests with the School District. Nick Reynolds abstained from voting. The motion passed.

TRAVEL, TOURISM ENHANCEMENT - ERIC HOUSTON Eric Houston, Cheryl Church, Heather Childs, and Dell LeFevre recently traveled to Silverton, Durango, Pagosa Springs, and Ouray in Colorado to study the tourism enhancements used by these communities. Eric Houston presented a slide show to demonstrate some of the methods of tourism enhancement. These methods included community websites targeted to visitors as well as a separate but linked website for official community information. Signage, information kiosks, and visitor information booths were also methods of tourism enhancement. Pagosa Springs attributed their tourism success to their websites and signage especially a digital billboard located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Eric Houston proposed working on three projects to enhance tourism. 1- New Website 2 - Visitor Information Center, possibly in the hallway at the City Office / Library building 3 - Signage, possibly a digital sign in Las Vegas.

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to authorize Eric Houston to investigate costs for the three proposed projects. The motion passed with all in favor.

MULTI PURPOSE CENTER Allen Henrie expressed his appreciation for the help with the New Year's Eve Party. Events are slow at the Triple C at this time of year, so painting and maintenance projects are in process. Tony Beckstead will have a calendar of events for the Triple C at the meeting on February 14, 2012.

PENDING BUSINESS The pending list stands as it was last meeting. The electrical materials have arrived for the work at Burdell Henrie's, but the project cannot be completed until the ground thaws.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Lori Talbot presented a proposed letter of support for alternative B for the Alton Coal Mine. Alternative B includes mining approximately 2,280 surface acres of BLM lands and 1,296 surface acres of private lands. Garfield County Commissioners wrote a letter of support to the Alton Coal Truck LBA EIS and invited Panguitch City to also write a letter of support.

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CURRENT BILLS Garfield County submitted a bill of \$55,000 for police services and justice court. This bill must be paid to allow Garfield County to close their fiscal year.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Eric Houston to pay the current bills including the addendum. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lori Talbot, Mayor

Donna Osborn, Deputy Recorder