

Kanab City Council Meeting
January 14, 2020
City Council Chambers
26 North 100 East Kanab, Utah

In Attendance: Mayor Robert D Houston, Council Members Arlon Chamberlain, Celeste Meyeres, Michael East, Jeff Yates and Byard Kershaw, Recorder Joe Decker, Attorney Jeff Stott and Treasurer Katherine Ohlwiler.

Work Meeting: Joe Decker talked about the 2020 Anticipated Meeting Schedule for each City Committee or Board. The Library Board Meeting changed from monthly meetings to the 1st Thursday of each quarter. And the Kanab Arts Board will meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Mayor Houston explained the procedure for appointing members to the boards. Interested people may apply or reapply and the Mayor can decide. The Mayor can also reappoint or not advertise for a board position.

Jeff Stott presented five questions to refresh the Council for Public and Open Meeting Training. He started by explaining conference calls to Council Members can't equal a quorum over the phone. The Council Member has to contact the Recorder to notify of a conference call instead of attending in person 24 hours before the meeting. Two Council Members have to be present for a Council Member to conference call in to the meeting. The Mayor or two Council Members can call a special meeting with 24-hour notice. For emergency meetings, the Mayor or two Council Members can call a meeting only three hours before the meeting time after doing their best to notify all Members. If a member of the public makes a comment in Public Hearing or Public Comment Period, the Council may talk about their comment but no action can be taken as their specific comment was not noted on the agenda.

Update from Civil Science on Water System Improvement Project: Trevor Gardner presented two maps showing the existing water tank locations and where the two new water tanks would take their place. They will be the same height at 30 feet with a bigger circumference and will hold two million gallons of water. There will also be a new access road to get to the tanks. Civil Science found key areas for improvements with the distribution system to include upsizing water lines and fixing fire flow areas.

Mayor Houston called the business meeting to order and roll call was taken. Arlon Chamberlain prayed and the pledge was led by Byard Kershaw.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the agenda for January 14, 2020. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the minutes from December 10, 2019. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Check Registers: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check registers dated December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$13,401.52, December 23, 2019 in the amount of \$38,115.92, January 7, 2020 in the amount of \$316,984.33 and January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$84,418.84. Michael East asked about the invoice for Builtwell Construction. Joe

Decker explained it is their deposit for the disassembly/removal of the old Lost Highway building that is being moved to the City yard which they started that day. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Tom Dillon wanted to thank the Kanab City Police for their help with a stuck buck in Mr. Dillon's fence while they were out of town. He expressed his gratitude towards the police force in dealing with that situation.

Benjamin Aiken expressed his interest in the Planning Commission and explained he had applied. He explained if anyone has questions or would like to talk to him, he is usually at Duke's Store.

Joan Thacher, reporter from the Southern Utah News explained she had heard reports that SRS has dropped the contract for the sand mine. She asked what will happen with the contract with the City. Mayor Houston explained the City hasn't received official notification and they were going to have a meeting about that the next day and after that he would explain what will happen with the contract.

Emilie Martin asked how the City is funding the new water tanks. Joe Decker explained through the USDA the City has received a \$5.1 million dollar loan and a \$2.1 million dollar grant for the project. The payment for the loan will be paid out of the water and sewer fund revenues.

Discuss – Vote on appointment of Eileen Gilbert to the Arts Board with a term ending 12/31/2024: Celeste Meyeres explained she is the liaison from City Council for the Arts Board and there were a couple terms that were ending and last time the Council appointed Ellie Clough and this time Eileen Gilbert will be appointed. A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Michael East to appoint Eileen Gilbert to the Arts Board with a term ending 12/31/2024. Motion passed.

Arlon Chamberlain spoke about Joan Thacher leaving Planning Commission. After seven years of great work he expressed their appreciation to Joan. He also explained on February 18, 2020 Planning Commission is having a scoping get together with the community for the General Plan at the new Kanab Center. They hope to have a good turn out from the public and invited the Council as well.

A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to go into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael East and 2nd by Jeff Yates to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Recorder