

Kanab City Council Meeting
January 22, 2019
26 North 100 East
Kanab City Council Chambers
6:30PM

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

Recreation Director Dan Ellison presented his plans for this year to the Council with a brochure about growth and different sport leagues for all. Mr. Ellison read his mission statement for the recreation department, "We are committed to health & wellness opportunities by providing programs, events and facilities that improve the quality of life for citizens of all ages." Mr. Ellison also talked of eventually coming up with a plan to build a health & wellness center for the community.

Prayer was offered by Celeste Meyeres and the pledge was led by Michael East. Mayor Houston called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the agenda of January 22, 2019. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check register dated January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$42,867.04. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: Richard Anderson requested lowering the speed limit on West Powell to be 25 instead of 35. Mr. Anderson explained from Stewart to the Sewer Ponds on Powell the speed limit is 25 and would like the road to be consistent.

Discuss – Vote on Appointment of replacement for the vacated City Council

Position: Bart Battista expressed he had to withdraw his Council application. Mr. Battista explained he thinks it is important to participate in local government and he hopes to be able to participate in the future. Mayor Houston explained that you have to be a citizen of Kanab for twelve months in order to apply for City Council and two of the applicants had to withdraw because of that.

Mayor Houston explained to the candidates that they will have a few minutes to sell themselves to the Council and went in alphabetical order.

Arlon Chamberlain explained he's been in Kanab for 67 years, grew up here went off to college and then moved back to work with his dad in the cement industry. He has been able to work alongside the City working in various parks and explained he has been

very passionate with how Kanab looks. He has been on Planning Commission and has been able to contribute his part with doing work for the City often times without charging labor costs. Mr. Chamberlain believes he knows how things work within the City such as infrastructure and roads and such and feels he can make a positive impact as a City Councilman.

Scott Colson explained he felt honored to stand before the Council tonight and is in great company with the other applicants. Mr. Colson expressed he was applying again because public service is important and would like to be a part of the process. He has contributed to Planning Commission meetings and City Council over the years. He thinks what sets Kanab apart and makes it special is our sense of community. Mr. Colson thinks he can stay away from those divisive issues and realize we are all different and can seek to find a common ground. He feels he is confident and can work diligently to understand other people's perspective and try to find solutions. Mr. Colson explained that he is also prepared to make the hard decisions and appreciates the time and opportunity to be here.

Dale Taylor explained he has been in Kanab for two and a half years, bought the Kanab RV Corral and has really enjoyed living here. Mr. Taylor explained that he wanted to volunteer to serve and has no preconceived goals or projects. He expressed his extensive career in service with another small town with the water system and with running a special service district. He explained that he leans toward the favor of property owners and feels we should minimize the need for regulations unless needed.

Michael East explained when they run for City Council they campaign and share their value system with the voters, he felt it is important to ask those same series of questions to each applicant. (Recording available.) Celeste Meyeres complimented each applicant after their turn answering the questions.

Mayor Houston explained the re-election procedures for this seat on the Council. The Council can only appoint someone to the end of the term for this seat until the next election. This seat has another two years left on its term. In the 2019 election, all applicants will have to declare if they will run for a two year or four-year seat. Because of this rule, the appointment of this seat will be to the end of December 2019.

The Council took a vote: Celeste Meyeres voted for Scott Colson, Michael East voted for Arlon Chamberlain, Jeff Yates voted for Arlon Chamberlain and Byard Kershaw voted for Arlon Chamberlain.

Arlon Chamberlain is the new Council Member and the Mayor expressed the applicants were all well qualified and thanked them for applying. Joe Decker swore Arlon Chamberlain in, and the meeting continued.

Discuss – Vote on Waving Impact Fees for the Kane County Hospital Project: Jeff Stott read the ordinance on Impact Fee exemption, "Kanab City may exempt, either wholly or partially, an impact fee for a development activity attributable to low income

housing, the State, a school district or charter school, or other development activity that the City Council determines as a broad public service.” Sherrie Pandya expressed they are not increasing beds or employees, the new hospital remodel won’t be impacting the sewer and water. They have done a lot of flood control within this remodel and have put in big gutters and storm drains. As far as transportation fees they aren’t asking for new roads, they paved the road themselves for the ambulances. Mrs. Pandya explained that this remodel doesn’t pertain to the recreation impact fee and the hospital will now be safer for the public. They think the hospital is a public benefit, as far as tax dollars they do collect sales tax and have received a grant to do this remodel. The impact fees would be \$30,000.00.

Michael East asked why they would consider this if they are just like any other business. Jeff Yates explained that they are not a business they are a special service district. Sherrie Pandya explained that the clinic is separate from the hospital and they rent the space from the hospital. Mrs. Pandya explained if they wouldn’t collect the 1% sales tax, they would be in the red each year.

A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to waive the Impact Fees for the Kane County Hospital remodel in its entirety because it complies with #4 of the ordinance which is a public benefit. A roll call vote was taken with Arlon Chamberlain voting aye, Celeste Meyeres voting aye, Michael East voting aye, Jeff Yates voting aye and Byard Kershaw voting aye. Motion passed.

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 or to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Motion passed.

Jeff Yates adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder