

Kanab City Council Meeting
February 12, 2019
26 North 100 East
Kanab City Council Chambers
6:30PM

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

Mayor Houston explained that there are conversations going on about building a Health and Wellness Center. He advised the Council Members to talk to their constituents and get input from the public. The location has been talked about to possibly be by the library. Mayor Houston spoke about various options for funding for the Wellness Center.

Chad Staheli from the Southern Red Sands (SRS) Project presented the project overview for the Red Sands sand mine near the Red Knoll. Mr. Staheli explained this project site is outside the City limits and presented this to the Council because they view Kanab as a stakeholder in this project. Southern Red Sands is a Utah company and is made up of Utah based investor groups. Frac sand is sand used for fracking, also called a proppant which goes back into the earth with water and chemicals to prop up the shale. Used in the Uintah and San Juan Basin to prop up the shale, the sand found at the Red Knoll can withstand the pressure of the earth and are therefore able to be used for frac sand. Many factors play in to the sand used for frac sand. The frac sand mine washes the sand, sizes it, dries it and then it is shipped out. The sand portion of fracking is incredibly clean for the environment. All sand that isn't used once cleaned and dried gets reclaimed back into the earth. Mr. Staheli showed the layout of the sand mine to the Council and as the sand is dug, reclaimed and recontoured the mine goes on to other sand. The BLM is already cutting trees down in that area for other reasons and the reclaimed land will be back to BLM specifications. 96% reclamation process. The reason they have come to the City is they want to find out ways to benefit the City. One of those ways could be through water usage. Although, they can get access to sufficient water usage without going through the City. Mr. Staheli explained that the City is sitting on a lot of surplus of water and their thought was if they can get the City involved as a partner and take on some of the surplus water. The company would prefer to write a check to the City and is currently in process of writing a contract to do so. SRS would take on all the infrastructure cost and wouldn't be leasing or buying water rights. The City would be signing an agreement for SRS to use the surplus water that the City is not using.

Arlon Chamberlain asked what the area would look like when they are through. Mr. Staheli explained that it would look similar to the way that it is now except contoured and about fifteen feet lower than it is now. They will use the BLM's reclamation plan after. They won't mess with rock and will access underground dunes. The plant will be about fifteen acres. The lighting will be night sky friendly as well, doing their best to minimize the impact of the plant but you will be able to see the silos on the North side of the Red Knoll. They will drill a well on

site therefore eliminating water infrastructure from the City to their location. The sand will be transferred to Vernal, Utah via the highway doubling the amount of trucks that are traveling the road now. There will be more trucks in the evening to not effect traffic too much. They are leasing the land from SITLA and the public is able to see the lease at any time.

Mayor Houston explained that the City currently owns 13.6 cubic feet per second (cfs) which equates out to 3,212,802,880 gallons per year. The City is in negotiations for a contract for water and a couple of things need to happen before they do that. The City is acquiring a geologist to find out if there is enough water in the ground to do this and also the contract needs to be negotiated. 6% of the water the City owns would be what this project would require. Mayor Houston explained that this comes at a really good time because there needs to be work down to a couple of the water tanks and this could help fund that. There will be a vote of the Council to approve this. The City has a water attorney working on the agreements currently and trying to get someone from USGS down to a meeting to answer questions about the water as well.

Prayer was offered by Jeff Yates and the pledge was led by Arlon Chamberlain. Mayor Houston called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the agenda of February 12, 2019. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 with amendments. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check register dated February 12, 2019 in the amount of \$267,978.96. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: Tom Davis expressed his concern with rumors of a moratorium towards vacation rentals. As a vacation rental owner, he was concerned about regulation that could be happening. He explained he is licensed and pays taxes and is doing everything correctly.

Mayor Houston explained that nothing like a moratorium is being discussed.

Discuss – Vote on Appointment of Christopher Courville to the Beautification Board with a term ending 12/31/2021: Byard Kershaw explained that Chris Courville has volunteered for a couple of planning projects in the community and thinks Mr. Courville will be a great asset to the community. A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Arlon Chamberlain to appoint Christopher Courville to the Beautification Board with a term ending 12/31/2021. Motion passed.

Discuss – Vote on Appointment of Elizabeth Walker to the Beautification Board with a term ending 12/31/2021: Byard Kershaw explained Elizabeth Walker has done a lot of work around the world and would be an asset to the Beautification Board. A motion was made by Byard

Kershaw and 2nd by Jeff Yates to appoint Elizabeth Walker to the Beautification Board with a term ending 12/31/2021. Motion passed.

Discuss – Vote on allowing Kanab High School to place a new sign on City property by Fire

Station #1: Joe Decker explained that the High School has been working with the Planning Commission on types of sign and size, but they need to get the location approved through the Council. It will be a digital sign and they are working through the ordinances on the type. Trevor Stewart expressed that they'd love to work with the City on this, it will be replacing their old marquee sign and will help the citizens and community to see the events of the high school better. They have a large sum of money that has been donated by one of the businesses in town and would like to improve their sign. A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to allow Kanab High School to place a sign on City Property as long as it is approved through the proper channels. Motion passed.

Discuss – Vote on Minor Subdivision for Parcel K-17-5-Annex Located at 635 S 175 E Applicant

Lane and Susan Little: Joe Decker explained where Mr. and Mrs. Little's property is of the cul-de-sac by the fire station. The front of the property was deeded to the City for sidewalk/landscape and storm drain but the Little's still own it. The Little's are splitting their property to sell the house and the property behind the house. A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the minor subdivision for Parcel K-17-5-Annex located at 635 South 175 East. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Jeff Yates to adjourn. Motion passed.

Mayor Houston

Recorder Joe Decker