

KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017
KANAB CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Robert D. Houston, Council Members Joe B. Wright, Brent Chamberlain, Jeff Yates, Michael East and Byard Kershaw, Recorder Joe Decker, Attorney Jeff Stott and Treasurer RaeLene Johnson.

WORK MEETING: Mayor Houston welcomed everyone to the inaugural of the first meeting in the new City Council Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period was opened to discuss Resolution 2-2-17 R declaring Kanab City's intent to identify the minimum area necessary for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and have inventories to see if there are areas that exceed the intent of the American Antiquities Act of 1906; as amended. Jeff Frey asked the Council if the Council was going to follow the same pattern as the County Commission. Mayor said they are proclaiming that if there are areas that do not meet the intent of the American Antiquities Act, they be removed from the monument and be returned for public use. Christine Turner stated that everyone wants to protect Kanab's beautiful land, but we need to be together no matter the different opinions. Richard Jacobson said he came to live in Kanab because of the land. JoAnn Rando Moon said that the public didn't get enough notice about the Resolution. She also wanted to know why the City is even involved. Patricia Linehan addressed the Council. She said that 96% of the Monument is already open for grazing. Citizen's income has gone up because of the Monument. She didn't think it was wise to allow any extractions using the water. Charlie Neuman felt that opening the area up to extraction industries is not good for ranchers or tourists. Linda Swanson said that fossils are being found on the Kaiparowits Plateau, and she is concerned about what extraction companies would do to the area. She wants the place protected and not to redraw the boundaries. Steve Hogseth asked the Council if they are qualified to judge the Antiquities Act of 1906. He feels that extraction is what is at the bottom of this Resolution. Doug McNair said 45% of the Monument is tied to tourists. He asked who the Council was representing. Jim Walls said he can't support the Resolution without more data. Dirk Clayson, County Commissioner, addressed the Council and those present. He said that three of the last five years has been a lost in residents and incomes according to Work Force Services. Grazing is down because of land use unintended consequences. It just needs to be looked at to see what is working. He doesn't see a future in extraction industry. Noel Poe asked if there was a two week posting requirement for a resolution. He feels the passage should be postponed. The Resolution was not posted on the State web site. Jim Page said that the Monument is in the right place, and is the right size. Why should we dismantle our economic use? Megan Smith said the Monument already is a multiple use monument. It is the only National Monument that is. She also asked if tax dollars were going to be spent on having the federal government inventory and modify the GSENM. Harrison Giddings said that he is speaking for his generation and future generations. He wants the land preserved from oil drilling and extraction companies. Will James said that this Resolution is an assault on tourism. He feels something needs to be included about not allowing extractions. Shane Stotlar said he is in support of the resolution. He is a rancher, and he has lost grazing rights. Susan Hand said she is a business owner of outdoor recreation. She didn't think her business

would have made it without the Monument. Mayor Houston said that the City's intent is to just take a look to see if it does follow the Antiquities Act. He said he has made his living on Tourism, and he wouldn't do anything to hurt Tourism.

Council Member Chamberlain gave the prayer. Pledge was led by Council Member Wright.

Mayor called the regularly scheduled meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain to approve the agenda of February 14th. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain to approve the minutes of January 24th as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Council Member Yates and 2nd by Council Member Wright to approve the vouchers and check register dated February 14th in the amount of \$135,870.54. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARTS BOARD: A motion was made by Council Member Kershaw and 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain to appoint the following people to serve on the Arts Board: Jill Harmon, Mikelle Stott, Josh Warburton all whose term will expire on December 31, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE HERITAGE BOARD: A motion was made by Council Member Yates and 2nd by Council Member Kershaw to appoint the following to serve on the Heritage Board: Linda

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| Alderman | 12/31/21 |
| Lonnie Kirby | 12/31/18 |
| Coral Lee Kelly | 12/31/18 |
| Lloyd DeAngelis | 12/31/19 |
| Bob Aiken | 12/31/19 |
| Maggie Browning | 12/31/20 |
| Alan Demille | 12/31/20 |

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2-1-17 R/A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIVE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2017-2021: A motion was made by Council Member Kershaw and 2nd by Council Member Wright to adopt Resolution #2-1-17 R /the Five County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017-2021. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-2-17R/A RESOLUTION DECLARING KANAB CITY'S INTENT TO IDENTIFY THE MINIMUM AREA NECESSARY FOR THE GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT: The Council discussed this Resolution. Council Member Wright said he didn't have any concerns with the Resolution. It is a statement of opinions not of facts.

He did think the title needed to be changed from Kanab City's intent to identify. It gives a misconception. There will be a group of professionals who make the determination not Kanab City. Council Member Chamberlain felt that there was not an appropriate procedure followed when President Clinton designated the GSENM in the 11th hour of his presidency without the science and without the knowledge of locals affected by the designation. Process was not created. He is in favor of protecting the land, but he would like it done scientifically based on fact not emotion. The public needs to be able for input. He said there are places on the monument that he knows no one has been able to see or get to. Council Member Yates agreed with Council Member Chamberlain. He feels that the present Monument is huge. It's larger than Utah County. He feels it needs to be an appropriate size. Council Member East agreed that qualified people need to determine the intent of the American Antiquities Act, but he supports the Resolution of having a committee of knowledgeable people make the determination. He is highly in favor of tourism. Council Member Kershaw said he is retired from the Bureau of Land Management. He wrote the Resolution. He thought the way the Monument was created was an act of a coward. There are 5 monuments in Arizona, but they are not half as large as the GSENM, and they had public input. He said the BLM prior to the establishment of the Monument had control of the area already. He does agree that Kanab has gotten an economic boost from the tourist coming to this area. Mayor Houston said when one person decides something there will always be trouble. He didn't think the President had ever been to this area. He never saw any of it. No locals were contacted about it. If he would have said he wanted to create this Monument, and ask locals for ideas and help, things would be totally different now. I feel there are areas in the Monument that don't fit the intent of the Antiquities Act, so I believe we need to take a look at that. I will not support anything that I think would hurt tourism. Council Member Chamberlain made a motion to postpone acting on this Resolution and wait for further discussion. Motion 2nd by Council Member Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Yates. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR ROBERT D. HOUSTON

RECORDER JOE DECKER