

KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017
KANAB CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

WORK MEETING: Mayor Houston read an email from someone who won't come to Kanab ever again if Resolution 3-1-17 R is passed. Mayor said that the Resolution doesn't ask to shrink the monument but inventory it to see if it follows the American Antiquities Act of 1906. He doesn't think that passing this Resolution is going to affect tourism. It might keep a few from coming, but that is their choice. He told the audience that the floor is opened for discussion. Claudia Brescia asked what it meant to look at the monument and the Antiquities Act. She thought there needed to be more time to review. Mayor said that he has made every effort to contact everyone that had questions. Richard Jenkinson stated that the Page power plant will be closing in 2019 because there is not any market for coal. He feels that the shrinking of the Monument would hurt tourism, and the wave lottery could go to Page, Arizona. Noel Poe said that this is the 4th meeting he has attended on this subject. He read a quote by Carl Sandburg about land being our national wilderness and an American Antiquities. Lynn Jenkins said that the scientists don't know everything that is on this monument or is going to be found. She asked not to shrink the monument. Nina Cooper opposed the Resolution. She feels it would start a ripple effect. Pete Cooper doesn't feel this is a democratic decision. It doesn't seem appropriate. Latimer Smith stated he is against the Resolution. He understands the fears of Ranchers. He understands that the creation of the monument wasn't done right, but now that it is here he feels it has done a lot for economics in our area. If you vote yes on this Resolution, you will be sending the wrong message. Mr. Jeff Frey asked the Mayor what his fears were. Mayor Houston explained that he was very upset in the way the monument was created. He said it bothered him because it wasn't democracy. He feels that the management of the monument is going to get tighter and tighter. Some say that cattle don't belong on the monument. There are extremists who would like to lock the monument away into a wilderness area where no one can use or enjoy the land. Doug McNair stated he respected the Mayor's concern. Mr. McNair's fear is he hasn't seen a map showing the borders or what the borders will be. He feels the land removed from the monument will be put out to extraction companies and real estate. Emily Schrepf stated she is against passing the Resolution. Victor Cooper stated that this Monument was created 20 years ago. The Monument isn't just for people living in the area. The land is for all American people. Joann Rando-Moon said she has seen on Facebook 10,000 pictures of people who have come to visit the Monument. Wendy McGuire said she doesn't see any problem with re-evaluating the boundaries. She represented the ranchers. She said ranchers work hard from sun up until dark. They aren't comfortable being in an open meeting session,

but she would like the Council to listen to their voices too. Rich Csenge felt that the Council is sending mixed signals. There are new motels and businesses because of the Monument. Charlie Saba felt that environmental groups are spreading false rumors. Taking a few miles out of the Monument isn't even going to be noticed. He feels that the problem is with the management. He said that ranchers have done a lot for this land. Now they can't even repair damage from floods. They used to take care of these problems on their own.

Mayor called the regularly scheduled meeting to order and roll call was taken. Prayer was offered by Council Member Yates and the pledge was led by Council Member Chamberlain.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Kershaw and 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain to approve the minutes of February 28th. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Council Member Wright to approve the vouchers and check register dated March 14th in the amount of \$145,198.42. Motion 2nd by Council Member Chamberlain. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Joann Rando-Moon asked the Council why there is not a pedestrian lane across the street at the Hampton Inn. She was told that it is up to the State because it is a State Highway. The City wanted a lane for pedestrians, but they said the foot traffic didn't warrant it. The Council said they would revisit the issue. Victor Cooper stated he was concerned with the junk cars around the entrance corridors to Kanab. He feels there needs to be a spring clean-up. Mayor told him that Mike Reynolds, Land Use Coordinator, has been working on these problems not just the entrance corridors but all over town. Clean up week will be April 17-21, 2017. Anyone wanting the City to pick up large items need to contact the office to get on the list. Sue Johnston asked about the drainage on Squaw Trail. Mr. Decker said that the proposal has been sent to Washington for approval. We are waiting to see if NRCS will help with Squaw Trail, Tom's Canyon and Stansfield Drive in the Ranchos.

ORDINANCE 3—1-17 O/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KANAB CITY LAND USES

ORDINANCE CONCERNING CHAPTER 4 INDEX: A motion was made by Council Member Chamberlain and 2nd by Council Member Yates to approve Ordinance 3-1-17 O amending the Land Use Ordinance concerning Chapter 4 Index. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DISCUSS PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON A PERCENTAGE BASE FORMULA FOR SHORT- TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES:

Council Member Chamberlain said that the Planning Commission has gone over this item for over three months. They recommend that the Council approve the 25% density base of non-owner occupied used as short-term rentals. Mike Reynolds, Land Use Coordinator, presented a map of a few blocks showing how the 25% would look. Council Member Chamberlain said there needed to be a balance between owners using their property how they want within the zoning. The City needs to consider neighborhoods. He feels this is a good faith recommendation. It was noted that the 25% formula for short-term rentals are not to be used outside of single family residential zones, or in Planned Unit Development with active, established HOA's. Council Member East didn't understand why PUD's were restricted for short term rentals. Council Member Chamberlain said HOA's control most of everything that is done on their property such as the color of your house, what can be built and etc.

RESOLUTION 3-1-17 R/A RESOLUTION DECLARING KANAB CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE IDENTIFYING THE AREAS WITHIN THE GRAND STAIRCASE- ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT THAT DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF THE AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906:

Council Member Kershaw explained his reasons for voting for this Resolution. He said he is retired from working for the BLM. He said the Monument isn't going to change to BLM if Resolution is approved. It already is BLM. He disagrees that there is going to be drilling. He is supportive of taking another look at the creation of the Monument. He said there are a lot more restrictions on the monument. He said this Resolution isn't about coal or gas. Grazing wasn't even included on the Monument at first. He agrees it needs a scientific evaluation to take a look at the Monument. He said it won't hurt tourism. Council Member East said his main concern is jobs. He said he would like the Antiquities Act followed as intended. He feels this Monument was a government land grab. He enjoys all the Parks, but he doesn't want any President to be able to do this again. The Antiquities Act needs to be followed, and there needs to be an open dialog with Congress. He doesn't think it will affect tourism. Council Member Yates said out of the million acres only 4 percent of the monument is dedicated to visitors. It wasn't created to enhance tourism. When it was started, it was suppose to be roadless and like a wilderness area. There is no harm in asking it to be studied. He doesn't want anyone to be impacted negatively. Council Member Chamberlain said he feels there is not going to be any coal mining. There wasn't any mining before there was a monument. The boundaries of this Monument were decided in Washington DC before anyone had even seen the area. He said it is only accessible to hikers. Antelope Canyon is the most visited place, and it isn't even in the Monument. He wants the Antiquates Act applied as intended. The system isn't working as it should. Science should have gone first rather than political favors. Council Member Wright stated he didn't think anyone present would be opposed at reviewing what our government does if you took out the wording of GSENM. We just want to make sure the intent is what is in the Antiquities Act of 1906. Kanab has benefited

from the Monument. Mayor said that if you believe the Antiquities Act was done correctly, you have nothing to worry about. Utah is 95% federal land. There is not any economic gain other than tourism. A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Kershaw to adopt Resolution 3-1-17 R declaring Kanab City's support for the identifying the areas within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument that do not meet the criteria of the American Antiquities Act of 1906 with the addition at the bottom adding "which are in accordance with the American Antiquities Act of 1906." Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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