

Kanab City Council Meeting
June 25, 2019
26 North 100 East
Kanab City Council Chambers
6:30 PM

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

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the June 25, 2019 agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve the minutes of June 11, 2019. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Check Register: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check register dated June 25, 2019 in the amount of \$360,459.70. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: Sky Chaney president of Taxpayer Association of Kane County wanted to share some comments about the proposed Southern Red Sands frack sand mine. One of the biggest complaint's communities have about frack sand mines is their huge number of heavy trucks traveling roads 24 hours a day. Their organization did some research to check out what SRS has been saying about the impact of their sand hauling trucks will have on their town of Kanab. SRS told them that there will be 192 semis coming and going from their plant. Which is 8 trucks per hour or one every seven minutes. SRS has also been saying that most of the trucks will be traveling north to the Uintah basin through the unfortunate communities of Mt. Carmel Junction, Orderville, Glendale, Hatch and Panguitch. What SRS is telling them doesn't make sense because they have discovered they are going to be at least two new frack sand mines coming online this year right inside of the Uintah Basin. Why would petroleum companies up north want to pay the high transportation expense associated with SRS frack sand, when they can get sand from nearby companies. One of the risks of hundreds of frack sand trucks driving through the heart of our town 24 hours a day going down to the San Juan Basin. The bottom line is that these 90,000-pound trucks are not easy to stop when a pedestrian or a vehicle happens to cross their path. Will you the Mayor and City Council consider how many people may be maimed or killed as a result of the SRS frack sand project. Or how their crowd of trucks will harm the tourist industry in our town. Or how this frack sand mine will deplete our drinking water and degrade our rural quality of life. We certainly hope you consider these issues and protect our drinking water supply rather than selling it away.

Dean Baker resident of Kanab asked to delay the decision on selling drinking water to Southern Red Sands until there is a comprehensive study of the watering done. Mr. Baker knows that we have requested a study from the State Geological Society and that was a worthwhile study, but it is incomplete. The basic story is fairly straightforward, as he understands it, they did a study saying suppose we have a bowl of water and we put a straw in there, dig a well, and say how much will that deplete the bowl of water over a period of time. That's reasonable if we were dealing with a bowl of water with a smooth surface with no breaks but that is not what we are dealing with the area around here. It is full of fractures and isn't a smooth surface, there are dividers in there and suppose we put a straw in a quarter of the bowl and ask if it is depleting it and it is a very different answer. That is the question that needs to be asked if you are going to make a serious evaluation of the impact of this mine and water, they need from Kanab's drinking water. You can get a more thorough study done and it isn't worth making a decision until you have that study done.

Appoint Kerry Glover to the Planning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2022:

Mayor Houston explained he had a few applicants and picked Kerry Glover as he thinks he will do a great job. Celeste Meyeres explained she spoke with Kerry at length before this and explained he wasn't able to be at the meeting. A motion was made by Michael East and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to appoint Kerry Glover to the Kanab City Planning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2022. Motion passed.

Public Hearing to consider opening the operating budget for Fiscal Year

2018/2019: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd Michael East to go in and out of Public Hearing at the call of the Mayor to discuss the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Motion passed.

Joe Decker explained the General Fund Revenue what was budgeted and what was amended. The projected revenue went up about \$700,000 which was really good for sales tax revenue. This was the first year that Kanab City has broken a million in receiving sales tax revenue. And property taxes went up due to new growth. Joe Decker went through each General Fund Expense. Airport Capital FAA fund, Capital Project Fund, Jacob Hamblin Park Expansion, Impact Fees Collected so far, Water Fund and Storm Water Fund. All of the changes for now and explained it might need to reopen in July to recalculate. Celeste Meyeres wanted to make sure that this is a reconciliation of what came in and what was budgeted. Mayor Houston explained on the revenues we are conservative, and on our expenses, they are up from what they were and that has worked out very well. Mayor continued with explaining the Capital Budget sheet he had passed out shows \$300,000 got transferred into there so there is \$777,000 ear marked for capital projects, but we also have a surplus of \$319,000 for a rainy-day fund. He thinks it is safe to say the City has operated very well. Out of public hearing.

Discuss – Vote on Resolution 6-2-19 R “A Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget”: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to

approve Resolution 6-2-19 R “A resolution amending the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget.”
Motion passed by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres to adjourn.

Mayor

Recorder