

Kanab City Council Meeting
September 8, 2020
City Council Chambers
26 North 100 East Kanab, UT
6:30PM

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

Joe Decker explained the Executive Staff (Department Heads) got together and wanted to start recognizing employees for being outstanding with the work they do. They have put together criteria for the employee to meet before they are eligible to be Employee of the Month: punctuality, attitude, helpful with other departments, not have any written reprimands for six months, good moral and always going above and beyond of what is asked of them. September is the first month doing this and as a group they all chose Cleve Anderson. Cleve works in the Parks and Facilities Department and has been with the City since 2017. Cleve was chosen by the Executive Staff to be employee of the month for September. He has gone above and beyond the normal job expectations of his position. For example: Danielle Ramsay commented on how well Cleve did with opening and closing the tennis courts during the 4th of July. And when the restrooms at the park were accidentally locked that day, he came right away to unlock and take care of them. Jenny Chatwin also commented on how Cleve didn't hesitate to help her with hanging up new curtains in her office at the Library. He never hesitates to help when he can for any fellow employee. He always has a positive attitude and never has anything negative to say.

We will have monthly recognition at the City Council Meetings and also put up a picture of the employee of the month in the front City Office.

Jeff Yates offered the prayer 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 Arlon Chamberlain to approve the September 8, 2020 meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the minutes from August 25, 2020. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Check Registers: A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check registers dated September 1, 2020 in the amount of \$81,518.70 and September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$116,079.02. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: MaryBeth Kuntz asked the Mayor and Joe Decker when the remote option will be available for the Council Meetings.

Mayor Houston explained they were hoping it would be installed by this week but the equipment didn't arrive yet. They have hired someone to do it and once he receives the equipment and gets it installed the meetings will be broadcasted.

MaryBeth Kuntz wondered if she could get a copy of the recording of the meeting. Katherine Ohlwiler informed her that she could come into the City Office and get a copy of the recording.

Donna Huntsman explained she had some specific comments related to the Sign Ordinance. At the last meeting reviewing the sign ordinance there was some discussion on lighting. The largest contributor to excess lighting is commercial businesses and parking lots. The intent to reduce that lighting was first for safety, reduce glare and confusion, clarity and cost savings which all lead to preserving the night sky. Secondly, under the sections 7-5 and 7-11 it refers to "lighting must be indirect", she asked the Council to think about that and clarify those sections better. Her last comment was there were a lot of suggestions that came from Planning and Zoning and herself about electronic messaging center signs. The recommendations in that sections are directly from the sign company standards. There were discussions of measuring in foot candles as that type of measurement is easier and makes enforcement possible. Unless these types of signs are managed, they can waste energy and change the nightscape. Should the Council elect tonight to change anything in the sign ordinance tonight she would like to know why.

Rinda Alldredge explained pertaining to the sign ordinance, they have been blindsided with the whole ordinance and didn't know anything about it until today and what might impact their business. She asked if there was a way the Council could put off a vote on passing the ordinance until they have a chance to read through it. She feels the business owners should have a chance to go through it before things are changed.

Tyler Cornell feels like the City is getting way restrictive with businesses and feels like they are putting businesses out of business. He knows there has to be some restrictions in place but doesn't think it needs to be so restrictive. He also asked where the City was at with the Recreation Center.

Mayor Houston explained COVID put the City in a stupor although it is still being worked on as budgets had been cut. They are looking at ways to figure out to get the Rec center going once the economy picks back up.

Tyler Cornell offered his help with grants and whatever he needs to do to help with the Rec Center development. He also brought up the fact that he has done night time ATV tours and is able to take those tours just outside of town and be able to see the sky so clear. And if Kanab keeps getting darker and darker businesses won't be successful.

Kevin Glazier wanted to address the sign ordinance, he has put a lot of effort into it and is aware of the effort put into the sign ordinance as well. The message boards can be controlled with lighting and you can see which signs have been turned down when dusk hits. It should be that way and he is all for the dark skies. He appreciates the effort the Planning Commission has put into it and he thinks they have come up with a good plan. It talks about the message boards changing their frame every three seconds and there's no point in extending that out. He thinks they don't need to stifle the businesses. The dark skies are the best you can see here but at the same time the businesses are in the business of making money. There are implications to small businesses with changing too much from the ordinance.

Allan Alldredge asked if this was a whole new ordinance. He asked if what is referenced in the sign ordinance referring to lighting ordinance, is there another lighting ordinance. He also asked if what is grandfathered in will only last ten years and then the other ordinance kicks in. If they

have a sign up now is it grandfathered forever. Jeff Yates read the section of non-conforming signs from the ordinance. The Council explained they will clarify those sections as they go through it.

Susan Honey wondered if the Council was going to vote on the Ordinance tonight. Mayor Houston explained they can vote on it tonight as it is up to the Council but his recommendation would be to postpone the vote. Susan Honey explained if they can all work together, she would really appreciate that.

Discuss – Vote on Minor Subdivision Double K Ranch for Norman and Sandy Kerr located at 959 South Hwy 89A: Arlon Chamberlain explained this property is in back of where the Kaibab Storage Units are. There are two residences on this property now totaling 7 acres. They are wanting to break off the houses with one piece having two acres and the other having the rest. It is just splitting the lot and the minimum size is two acres to do that. There wouldn't be any problems with it as far as utilities and fire hydrants. There was a driveway that is becoming a private lane to the properties.

A motion was made by Arlon Chamberlain and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve the lot split for Double K Ranch for Norman and Sandy Kerr located at 959 South Hwy 89A. Motion passed.

Discuss – Vote on appointment of Byron Owens to the Library Board with a term ending 12/31/2024

Discuss – Vote on appointment of Eileen Bell to the Library Board with a term ending 12/31/2024

A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to appoint Byron Owens and Eileen Bell both to the Library Board with a term ending 12/31/2024. Motion passed. With a note that Eileen Bell also serves on the Arts Board.

Discuss – Vote on Ordinance 9-1-20 O “An Ordinance amending Kanab City Land Use Ordinance concerning Chapter 7 Signs”: The Council went through each section of the Chapter and discussed their proposed changes as they did the previous Council meeting.

Mayor Houston recommended retyping the changes that were made and giving everyone a chance to go over it again.

A motion was made by Jeff yates and 2nd by Arlon Chamberlain to table this item until the next meeting when the changes can be reviewed as modified by City Council. Motion passed.

Jeff Yates adjourned the meeting Byard Kershaw 2nd. Motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder