

Kanab City Council Meeting
January 26, 2021
City Council Chambers
26 North 100 East Kanab, UT
6:30PM

Presentation from Nina Laycook-Petty on the All-Women Town Council:

“Mayor, Council Members and guests. It’s a pleasure to be here tonight. This photo was probably familiar to most of us...it’s of the Kanab All Women Town Council elected in 1911. It was the first time in American history that an AWTC was elected...and, it was even reported in the London, England newspapers. This photo was hanging in the old Kanab City Office reception area, and when I was Mayor and saw that the 100-year anniversary of this event was approaching, I looked at these ladies and said to myself...” I’ll propose a resolution to commemorate the occasion” ... and the Ladies said to me from their graves “Nina, you can do better than that.” So, I called 5 amazing ladies to help create an historically accurate skit that we would perform at the first Kanab City Council meeting in 2012. The Ladies were Joyce Rhodes, Judy Habbeshaw, Linda Alderman, Nayna Christensen and Dicki Robinson...Dicki passed away in 2019 – her son Jesse is here tonight, and Connie Burnett stepped in to replace her. Carol Kershaw also stepped in from time to time. Linda Alderman wrote the basic script and encouraged the Ladies to adapt the script to the characters personalities if they were inspired and boy were they! Deanna Glover was a great historical resource, Carla Avant, an expert at vintage attire assisted with the costuming. That first City Council performance went well...so much so that Gov. Gary Herbert invited us up to the State Capital to perform, and to honor the Ladies of the First All Woman Town Council in America. For the next six years we were invited up and down the State to present our skit to schools, universities, heritage groups, service organizations festivals and parades. We presented many, many dozens of times. What we learned from this was that this small piece of Kanab history may have taken place over 100 years ago, but folks still found it fascinating and wanted to hear the story. It was Linda Alderman who suggested we produce a documentary...which you’ve been given tonight. Back to the photo – this belongs to the City and I’ve been meaning to return it to you for some time, but once again the Ladies said to me from the grave. “Nina, you can do better than that.” That’s when I commissioned famed pioneer artist Julie Rogers, to produce the painting that I’m presenting to Kanab City tonight.”

Update on Various Projects from Civil Science: Cody Howick explained that Civil Science was hired by UDOT to conduct a study on the Highway 89 corridor through Kanab City. Mr. Howick talked about the different stakeholders that were involved with the study as well which were Kane County, business owners, members of UDOT and other people. Brandon Wright went over the details of the vision through town on the Highway 89 corridor talking about different ways to slow cars down with on street parking, creating pedestrian cross walks, adding in vegetation and various other options.

Cody Howick updated the Council on the various water projects around town that were completed last year and also what is up and coming. The water tanks are progressing and on track going very well. The distribution system is also moving along very well throughout town. A part from replacing water lines, they are adding SCADA equipment to the 14 wells so that the Public Works Director is able to turn wells on and off from his phone.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to approve the January 26, 2021 meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021 with corrections. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Check Registers: A motion was made by Byard Kershaw and 2nd by Arlon Chamberlain to approve the accounts payable vouchers and check registers dated January 19, 2021 in the amount of \$72,134.73 and January 26, 2021 in the amount of \$632,729.83. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Sara Mortensen asked about the Bunting Trail water tank overflowing and the water running out. Cody Howick explained that in the Master Plan they identify that that tank sits lower than all the other tanks, for that reason when the tanks are filling up that one overflows. The plan is to redo the outlet structure of that tank so that doesn't happen. Also, when the SCADA system will be working, they won't have to drive up the canyon and turn the wells on and off and be able to monitor the tank levels more efficiently.

Discuss – Vote on 2021 Anticipated Meeting Schedule: Joe Decker explained the anticipated meeting schedule that is approved every year in January. Kanab City Council Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at 26 North 100 East. Kanab Planning Commission Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at 26 North 100 East. Kanab City Library Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 5PM at the Library, 374 North Main Street. The Kanab City Arts Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5PM at 26 North 100 East. The Kanab City Parks and Recreation Board meets as needed along with the Kanab City Heritage Board. And the Kanab City Beautification Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4PM at 26 North 100 East. A motion was made by Michael East and 2nd by Jeff Yates to approve the 2021 Anticipated Meeting Schedule. Motion passed.

Public and Open Meeting Training: Jeff Stott provided the Council with the Public and Open Meeting Training this year in the form of a quiz. After going over five questions, the Council received a refresher on the Public and Open Meeting Act.

A motion was made by Michael East to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder