

Kanab City Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
City Council Chambers
26 North 100 East Kanab, Utah 84741

Work Meeting: Joe Decker presented Emily Bentley with the Employee of the Month award for May:

Emily Bentley was hired in May of 2017 as the Heritage House Director. In 2019 renovation of the Heritage Museum began and Emily also became the Heritage Museum Director. She has overseen the remodel of the Museum and when the basement was finished in October of 2020, Emily was able to arrange the Smithsonian Water Ways Exhibit to be displayed for that month. The traveling exhibit showcases the history of the water ways in each area it is displayed.

Emily has improved the Heritage House visitation with her daily scheduled tours. One of the ways she makes these tours special is her Victorian-era themed tour and even dressing for the part. Patrons consistently express to the City their appreciation and adoration towards Emily's knowledge of the area and communication skills on her guided tours.

Thank you, Emily for being a true asset to Kanab City and for keeping the history of our town alive and well!

Mayor Houston explained he had met with the design engineer and cost estimator for the Health and Wellness Center. The cost estimator figured because of the Covid building crisis and lack of materials, the cost of the center would be at least 40% more than anticipated. Also, with the problem of getting materials it has made the City take the position to put the Health and Wellness Center on hold until the City can afford the cost of building the building and also operations and maintenance of the building. Mayor Houston explained he was not going to do anything that was going to put the City in jeopardy financially. Mayor Houston also wanted to explain that the City is growing and is issuing 100 building permits a year for the last three years. If the City is going to be a progressive community, there needs to be planning for these capitol projects and ways to pay for them. Mayor explained the way property taxes are collected and the Truth and Taxation process.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to approve the May 11, 2021 meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2021. Motion passed.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and Check Registers: A motion was made by Celeste Meyeres and 2nd by Michael East for May 1, 2021 to May 11, 2021 in the amount of \$462,063.63. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Sky Chaney, President of the Taxpayers Association of Kane County spoke on the concerns with the impacts of the golf course project the Water Conservancy District is proposing to build. They have concerns of the impacts of this project on the local water impacts and local finances. Mr. Chaney explained that Mike Noel is telling people that the golf course is going to be operated by a collaboration of the City, the County and the Water Conservancy District. He hopes the Council will take a look at this project before collaboration with this project. The Association put out a survey to the citizens, 93% of over 700 people said they did not want public funds to be used for this destination golf course.

Emily Martin explained that she lives in the Ranchos and uses the Ranchos Park often. It has been a trauma to watch the park change and wonders what plans are for the park now. She hopes the trees at the Ranchos park are staying.

Ted Prehoda expressed the water level in the Reservoir have gone down and the fire on the Kaibab took a lot of water from it. Right now is not the right time for the golf course. He also talked about slowing the trucks down at the school project in the Ranchos. Would hate to see someone get hit.

Joyce Moyer wanted to understand the annexation of Palomar Estates.

Mayor Houston explained they looked at any potential area that needed to be annexed. East of Kanab wasn't going to be considered for annexation now.

Public Hearing for a Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot lines between parcels 72-1396 & 72-1397 creating a single parcel; all properties located at the approximate area of 1761 South Escalante Drive. [Applicant; Kelly and Diane Thomas]: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Michael East to go in and out of Public Hearing at the Mayor's discretion. Motion passed. Into Public Hearing. No public comment. Out of Public Hearing.

Discuss – Vote on Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot lines between parcels 72-1396 & 72-1397 creating a single parcel; all properties located at the approximate area of 1761 South Escalante Drive. [Applicant; Kelly and Diane Thomas]: Arlon Chamberlain explained that this is just a basic Plat Amendment to join the properties and no utilities are there yet. A motion was made by Arlon Chamberlain and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve the plat amendment for parcels 72-1396 & 72-1397 with the findings that no person nor public will be materially injured and that there is good cause for this amendment. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Public Hearing for a Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot line between parcels 65-329 & 65-330 creating a single parcel; all properties located in the approximate area of 1753 South Kanab Creek Drive, Kanab, Utah. [Applicant Byard Kershaw]: Into Public Hearing.

Ted Prehoda backs this property and wants to know if he is going to lose his fence line. It was explained that the letter he received talking of 140 feet is just to reach out to neighbors within 140 feet of the Minor Subdivision property to let them know of the Plat Amendment. Out of Public Hearing.

Discuss – Vote on Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot line between parcels 65-329 & 65-330 creating a single parcel; all properties located in the approximate area of 1753 South Kanab Creek Drive, Kanab, Utah. [Applicant Byard Kershaw]:

Arlon Chamberlain explained this plat amendment is to join two parcels together and that there aren't any public utilities on this lot either.

A motion was made by Arlon Chamberlain and 2nd by Michael East to approve the plat amendment for parcels 65-329 & 65-330 with the findings that no person nor public will be materially injured and that there is good cause for this amendment. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Public Hearing for a Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot lines between 72-416, 72-401, & 72-400 creating a single parcel; all properties located in the approximate area of 752 South Chamberlain Drive.

[Applicant; Thomas Avant]: Into Public Hearing. No public comment. Out of Public Hearing.

Discuss – Vote on Plat Amendment to the Kanab Creek Ranchos a Minor Subdivision to remove the existing lot lines between 72-416, 72-401, & 72-400 creating a single parcel; all properties located in the approximate area of 752 South Chamberlain Drive.

[Applicant; Thomas Avant]: Thomas Avant explained that South Central's fiber line runs through his property line. He wanted to build a fence on his property line. Dirk Clayson owns the property next to him and is giving him a portion of that property to straighten out his lines and to avoid the fiber line with building the fence.

A motion was made by Arlon Chamberlain and 2nd by Michael East to approve the lot line adjustment for parcels 72-416, 72-401 and 72-400 with the findings that no person nor public will be materially injured and that there is good cause for this lot line adjustment. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Public Hearing to consider the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022:

Into Public Hearing. No public comment. Out of Public Hearing.

Discuss – Vote on Resolution 5-1-21 R “A Resolution adopting Budgets for the City of Kanab for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022”: Joe Decker explained the big difference from the previous meeting is in the Capitol Project Fund line for what was budgeted and for the actual amount. New projects were added with new dollar figures. Added an extra \$100,000 for chip seal like was discussed before. Added a little bit of money to finish the dog park, pool equipment and the big thing at the bottom is adding \$150,000 for the Ranchos Park. The Capitol Fund Balance is at \$1.281 million. Celeste Meyeres asked about the sewer pond aerator and which fund it would come out of. Joe Decker explained it is in the Impact Fee Facilities Plan. Michael East explained the Ranchos Park will be connected to the new school once it is done and asked what the plans are to make the Ranchos Park compliment the school and the livability of that area. Mayor Houston explained with every one of the projects the Council needs to agree on what they need to happen and have one meeting to work on Capitol Projects and design those and what they're going to spend. Will schedule that work process meeting in June. Michael East suggested having Department Heads at that meeting as well. Two other changes were made in the General Fund which was the amount of revenues gained.

A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Celeste Meyeres to approve Resolution 5-1-21 R A Resolution adopting Budgets for the City of Kanab for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Michael East adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Recorder