

Kanab City Council Meeting
June 16, 2021
City Council Chambers
26 North 100 East Kanab, Utah
2:00 PM

Mayor Houston opened the work meeting by explaining how they were going to discuss Capital Projects by the Department Heads. As Kanab City is growing at a rapid rate, Capital Projects need to be discussed and decided. By law, Kanab City can only carry a certain percentage in the General Fund of projected excess revenue for the year which is allocated for Capital Projects.

Emily Bentley, docent of the Heritage House and Heritage Museum, explained the needs for her department. New windows for the Heritage House and the porch needs to be updated. The Pioneer Cemetery is just an empty field now on 405 North, she would like to place headstones on those graves and have a proper memorial for the graves that are there. The Heritage House will also need a fire suppression system as well.

Mayor directed all of the Department Heads to create a cost estimate for all of the projects and to also prioritize the projects.

Jenny Chatwin, Library Director, explained the library is currently being renovated now. Jeff Turner, project manager, explained there is about two more months on that renovation completing the stucco, the water damage repairs and sealing in the windows. For the future, Mrs. Chatwin would like new book shelving and to also resurface the parking lot.

Janae Chatterley, Building Inspector, explained her needs for office space for additional personnel and another vehicle. Joe Decker expressed the whole Administration department needs more office space.

Jake Dutton, Public Works Director, explained his needs for improving wells and redoing spring boxes. The City has water rights to pull water from Cave Lakes currently but because the spring boxes are not currently usable, they are pulling zero water from Cave Lakes. A salt storage shed is needed for the streets as the EPA has been after the City about having the salt storage in the open. Also, a pipe storage shed is needed. A hydraulic valve exerciser, street sweeper, a sewer jet truck, mower tractor and weed deck is some equipment that is needed for his department.

John Hiscock asked if the City was installing well monitoring equipment on the wells. Jake Dutton explained that is part of the water project that is currently happening. SCADA systems will be installed and used.

Councilwoman Celeste Meyers asked what the status was of the mower tractor that Kanab City currently has. Jake Dutton explained that it is operable but the tractor is in poor condition.

Jeff Turner, Airport Manager/Facilities Manager, explained that the City is on a ten-year project plan with the FAA and is putting money away for FAA projects. They would like to acquire

property for the weather station at the airport. They would like to move the station west. As for the park, replacing mowers and more upgrades with the facilities is necessary.

Councilman Arlon Chamberlain asked about the splash pad at the park if it is all the way functioning. Jeff Turner explained that they are replacing valves and hoping to have more of it on by the 4th of July. During winter, he would like to tear up the concrete under the splash pad and fix the leaks.

Danielle Ramsay, Recreation Director, expressed the Recreation needs: lights for the baseball fields and fixing or updating the bleachers at the baseball fields. The pool liner and tile around the edge need replacing. New water structures and slide at the pool will soon need replacing. Resurfacing the tennis and the basketball courts with repainting the lines. The Ranchos Park will need to be revamped. They would like to add pickle ball courts next to the tennis courts by the library. The existing pool equipment, tables and such will need replaced. The wall at the baseball field needs to be continued to the other side and also readjusting the stairs in between the fields.

John Hiscock wondered about the trail around the field at the Ranchos Park with the Elementary School. Danielle Ramsay explained that the trail will be paved as part of the plan for the revamp of the Ranchos Park. She will apply again for the outdoor classroom grant next year to also add to the Ranchos Park.

Police Chief Tom Cram expressed his need for a Police Station. He invited the Council to visit their current station and see how it is. He would like to have a proactive police force instead of a reactive department as the town is growing more officers will be needed.

Arlon Chamberlain explained he was interested in putting a detached trail alongside Powell at Kanab Creek Drive in the Ranchos all the way to 300 South in town for when the school goes in the Ranchos. He commended Jake's crew for adding in gravel on the shoulders of the roads in spring which as saved the asphalt. Mr. Chamberlain recommended looking at where the police station would go that way later on it could be in conjunction with the Recreation Center.

Celeste Meyeres expressed her priorities are a Police Station and also an aerator for the sewer ponds. Mrs. Meyeres doesn't want to put too many constraints on building a police station or anything inhibiting the building of that.

Councilman Jeff Yates agreed the Police Station needs first priority and office space as the City grows. He felt the Police Station and the City office space needs to be together as that makes working together easier.

Councilman Byard Kershaw agreed with the Police Station being a priority and wondered if there is anything else needed for the Fire Station.

Fire Chief/City Manager Joe Decker explained the wildland revenue brings in enough money to update the brush truck and they wouldn't need to use funds from the general fund. The ladder truck is forty years old. The Fire Station in the Ranchos will need to be updated in order for it to be of use. If the growth that is projected in the Ranchos happens, they will need that Fire Station

up and running. Mr. Decker talked more about the wildland fire fund as it is a self-sustaining program and not out of the general fund which benefits the citizens well. The EMT's run from 6AM to 6PM which has decreased response times to incidents immensely. After 6PM, response times are slower as that is when the volunteer EMT's take over. In the future, they will need to staff the ambulance full time after 6PM.

Tom Cram expressed that the EMT response times are incredible and saving lives. Joe Decker explained that calls are increasing and they are a lot busier than people think.

Bart Battista agreed with Arlon Chamberlain about a trail to the new school and Kanab Creek Drive.

Byard Kershaw expressed he is still on County Planning and Zoning Board and their big concern is having Fire/EMT support in the County as it is growing.

Mayor Houston explained as Joe gets the budget set, they can take a look at it and include these capital projects. He also directed the Department Heads to put together a plan with numbers and dates of when their projects would need to happen and they will have another meeting to discuss that.

Celeste Meyeres asked Janae Chatterley if the building department is self-sufficient. Janae explained she still can't inspect commercial buildings and will need to pay for a contract with the county to inspect those. They will be bringing in a new person to the building department which will be able to do inspections and also land use.

Mayor Houston called the business meeting to order and roll call was taken.

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.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve the agenda of June 16, 2021. Motion passed.

Public Comment Period: None.

Discuss – Vote on Ordinance 6-1-21 O “An Ordinance Designating Restricted areas within Kanab City for the Discharge of Fireworks”: Mayor Houston explained that as it was discussed last meeting everyone was concerned about the discharge of fireworks areas. One block of Main Street will be the only designated area to discharge fireworks. Arlon Chamberlain was concerned with the older buildings on the east side of the road have flat roofs and could be a hazard. Joe Decker explained they can keep them in one area. The Governor might still decide to let municipalities decide or restrict fireworks altogether. Municipal shows will still go on they are only regulating personal use fireworks. The hours will be to dusk on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Will discourage people to discharge them on main street on the night of the 3rd until after the parking has dispersed after the City show. There will be a few fire trucks parked at the designated discharge area.

A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to approve ordinance 6-1-21 O An Ordinance designating restricted areas within Kanab City for the discharge of fireworks. Motion passed by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Jeff Yates and 2nd by Byard Kershaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder