

**Kanab City Council Meeting**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Kanab City Council Chambers**  
**26 North 100 East**  
**6:30 PM**

**Work Meeting**

**1. Liaison Report**

**Councilmember Chamberlain – Planning Commission is still working on a lot size averaging ordinance.**

**Councilmember Wright – Football started this week, and the recreation department is staying busy.**

**Councilmember Glover – None**

**Mayor Johnson – None**

**Councilmember Heaton - None**

**Councilmember Colson – None**

**2. City Staff Report –**

**Jake Dutton – Mr. Dutton stated that he filled his open positions, so they are currently fully staffed, and that all his employees are certified water operators, and one guy that needs to finish getting his cdl certification. He added that he applied for a grant to help change out old meters, he wants to chip seal cedar heights, out by the golf course, and 100 East. The public works department has been working on stormwater infrastructure in the ranchos, and they are having to install new fire hydrants because of new state code.**

**Mr. Ludwig spoke briefly about the truth in the taxation process.**

**3. Other – None.**

**Business Meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. Mr. Burggraaf offered the invocation. Councilmember Wright led the pledge of allegiance.**

**In attendance:** Mayor Johnson; Councilmember Colson, Councilmember Glover, Councilmember Chamberlain, Councilmember Heaton, Councilmember Wright; City Manager Kyler Ludwig; Recorder Celeste Cram; City Attorney Kent Burggraaf; and Public Works Director Jake Dutton.

**Not in attendance –** Building Inspector Janae Chatterley.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Councilmember Heaton made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Councilmember Glover seconded, unanimous vote. motion passed.**

3. **Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers** - A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Colson to approve the check registers for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$144,149.30. Unanimous vote, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment Period: Members of the public are invited to address the Council. Participants are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes and follow the rules of civility outlined in Kanab Ordinance 3-601.**

**Bruce Davis** – Mr. Davis stated that he lives in vermilion cliffs out in the county, and that he is worried about their rural living if they have potential to be annexed into Kanab City.

**Sid Killian** – Mr. Killian stated that he lives by the Loft Apartments, and that his street needs to be swept off, and it will need to be swept off after being chip sealed.

**Patty Kubeja** – Mrs. Kubeja stated that she lives in the ranchos on the intersection of Kane and Escalante, and that their road needs new stormwater culverts.

5. **Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and Kanab City as a Cooperating Agency for Development of the Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM).**

Mayor Johnson stated that the City has already been involved in some of the process, but he is wondering why they don't seem to listen. Councilmember Heaton mentioned that they need to get the resolution in place so that they can continue to work with them and be a part of the discussion. Councilmember Chamberlain stated that the decision is up to the BLM regardless of how they vote and its important to be involved. Councilmember Colson thinks that it is important to be involved with the county to open that line of communication and work with them.

Councilmember Heaton made a motion to approve Resolution 7-3-23 R, A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab City. Councilmember Glover seconds, unanimous vote.

Councilmember Wright – YES  
Councilmember Chamberlain - YES  
Councilmember Glover – YES  
Councilmember Heaton – YES  
Councilmember Colson – YES  
Motion passed.

**6. Discussion and Consideration of the Purchase of Asphalt for Three City Projects Including Patching in Creekside, Paving of the Sherry Belle Trailhead, and Road Repair in La Estancia.**

Mr. Dutton, the Kanab City Public Works Director, stated that Kanab City is working through 3 asphalt projects. He has worked to secure bids on the different projects.

La Estancia– Replacement of road that was impacted by a water leak.

Creek Side – Asphalt replacement for areas impacted by new service connections.

Trailhead- Creation of a parking area near the public works shop for the City’s paved trail.

Mr. Ludwig stated that the City Council should allow staff to increase the thickness of asphalt from 2.5 to 3/3.5-inch asphalt as suggested by Councilmember Chamberlain. Councilmember Chamberlain stated that if they don’t do it thick enough the road will fall apart.

Councilmember Wright asked how much of the cost the City is responsible for, and Mr. Ludwig responded that the City is only responsible for in-kind money and that grants cover the rest of it.

Councilmember Colson made a motion to approve the bids from Diamond C, and the trailhead paving project through Diamond C Asphalt totaling \$41,250. Councilmember Chamberlain seconds, unanimous vote.

Councilmember Wright – YES

Councilmember Chamberlain - YES

Councilmember Glover – YES

Councilmember Heaton – YES

Councilmember Colson – YES

Motion passed.

**7. Discussion, and Consideration of Adjusting Speed Limits, Establishing a School Zone, and Adding Traffic Control Devices Near Kanab Elementary School.**

Mr. Ludwig stated that the newly constructed Kanab Elementary School is anticipated to open in August of 2023. City Staff has worked with Kane County School District to come up with a traffic control plan for the new school a map showing traffic control signage and devices is included.

The School District has verbally agreed to split the cost of signage with the City. He also added that Painting 12 ft. lanes on Kanab Creek Drive: The school has agreed to painting the lines on the newly surfaced road. A single lane is recommended, as it limits the number of potential collisions between pedestrians and vehicles at crossings. The School will also paint the crosswalks at the intersection of Kanab Creek and Powell.

A four-way stop is recommended to accommodate the increased traffic turning onto Vermillion and to help reduce speeds near the school. A reduction of the speed limit on Kanab Creek Drive from 35 to 25 is recommended in front of the schools at all times. 20 mph school zones on Vermillion, Powell, and Kanab Creek are recommended. Flashing signs on Kanab Creek Drive are recommended to help reduce speeds as well.

Crossings are recommended based on the safe routes to school and access to sidewalks. City staff will be painting crossings off the newly improved roads. The City and School each staff a

crossing. It is anticipated the school and City will continue to provide staffing. The intersections proposed to have staff at Powell and Kanab Creek Drive; and Powell and Swapp.

Public Works will be mowing on the right-of-way areas in the Ranchos to provide additional space for pedestrians. Staff will continue to apply for grants on walking paths for safe travel.

The school verbally recommitted to provide bus pick up for all students living in the Ranchos through the High School Bus.

The City has recommended the change of the safe route on the North side of Kanab Creek Drive from Vermillion to Powell. Staff feels the visibility for pedestrians on this street is safer.

Staff will be consulting the UDOT Traffic Controls Manual for School Zones as signage is placed.

Councilmember Glover asked about the flashing signs, Mr. Ludwig stated that they are going to look at solar powered, programmable signs. Councilmember Wright and Colson are concerned with the proposed speed limit and think 15 mph is more appropriate than 20-25.

Councilmember Wright thinks they should only flash during the school beginning and end and have normal speeds during the day. The council discussed extensively the placement of stop signs, speed limit signs, and the speed limit.

Councilmember Glover made a motion to allow staff to implement and make the changes that the Council talked about. Councilmember Wright seconds, unanimous vote.

Councilmember Wright – YES

Councilmember Chamberlain - YES

Councilmember Glover – YES

Councilmember Heaton – YES

Councilmember Colson – YES

Motion passed.

**Mayor Johnson excused 7:33 pm.**

**8. Update on Police Facility Purchase and Remodel.**

Mr. Ludwig showed the council pictures of the new police station and told them that staff is anticipating being able to transition over in August if there are no complications.

Mr. Ludwig also stated that staff have been making the renovations happen quickly, and it's been amazing to see everyone come together to get the job done.

**9. Review of the Upcoming Truth in Taxation Process.**

Mr. Ludwig discussed the truth in taxation process. He went over the different items that the increase will benefit, as well as went over information that is displayed on the Kanab City website.

Councilmember Colson made a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Heaton seconds. Unanimous vote, meeting adjourned.