

**PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2007  
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

**LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM  
25 SOUTH 200 EAST  
PANGUITCH, UTAH 84759**

Present at the City Council meeting were Mayor J. Arthur Cooper, City Manager Allen K. Henrie, City Recorder Cindy B. Johnson, City Council Members John Orton, Greg Payne, Nick Reynolds, Tim Smith and Attorney Barry Huntington. Eric Houston was excused.

OPENING CEREMONY The opening ceremony was conducted by Greg Payne.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Greg Payne to adopt the agenda as outlined. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Greg Payne moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor.

UP COMING MEETINGS

A. City Recorder Conference - Cindy Johnson - St. George - April 17, 18 & 19

B. City Treasurer Conference - Carla Farnsworth - St. George - May 2, 3 & 4.

Greg Payne moved, seconded by Tim Smith to approve attendance by Cindy Johnson to the Clerk's Conference and Carla Farnsworth to the Treasurers Conference. The motion passed with all in favor.

ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Greg Payne to table the Illegal Dumping Ordinance until March 13 and advertise as a public hearing. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAIN STREET - BENCHES ON MAIN AND CENTER Allen K. Henrie has applied for a grant to use towards the purchase of benches on main and center streets.

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CERT PROGRAM

John Orton moved, seconded by Tim Smith to table the CERT Program presentation until March 13, 2007 council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS APPOINTMENTS At the previous council meeting Tracy Armstrong was appointed to the Board of Adjustments. After some thought the council realized this could be a conflict of interest due to Tracy being a real estate agent. Justin Peterson is willing to serve as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Greg Payne to instruct Allen K. Henrie to inform Tracy Armstrong about the conflict of interest concerns the city council has. The motion passed with all in favor.

John Orton moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve Justin Peterson as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning committee. The motion passed with all in favor.

HISTORIC PANGUITCH SIGN - MAYOR COOPER Mayor Cooper would like those who are traveling through Panguitch to know that the city is designated a National Historic District. He would like to add this information on the entrance signs on the North and East ends of town. He was quoted \$750.00 for the added signage for both entrance signs.

Tim Smith moved, seconded by Greg Payne to have someone add the designation Panguitch received as a National Historic City on both the North and East entrance signs coming into town. The motion passed with all in favor.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL - CANYON COUNTRY DRILLING Ricky Miller is in the process of purchasing the drilling company from Fletcher drilling in Cannonville.

Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Tim Smith to approve a business license for Canyon Country Drilling. The motion passed with all in favor.

LANDFILL FINANCIAL OPTIONS Allen K. Henrie went over the landfill financial options with the city council and asked which option they would like to go with. The city needs to put away money each year for closure on the landfill when the time is necessary. It would be less expensive to close the landfill now. John Orton felt we should table this item until we can find out a cost of closure.

John Orton moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to table until we have a cost estimate for closure of the landfill. The motion passed with all in favor.

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CITIZEN COMMENT Mayor Cooper asked if there were any comments to be made.

Becky Yard - Becky read a letter she and Randy prepared regarding the possibility of the Alton Coal mine. She and her husband volunteer in many different ways in our community. They feel the coal mine would affect our tourism in a negative way.

Pete Larson - Moved here four years ago. He came here for the clean air and the beauty of the area. He volunteers for many events and does not want to have coal trucks running through every four minutes.

Cathy Scott - She has talked with several people who have coal trucks running down 89. She does not see how this coal mine will ever benefit our area, City or County.

Annette Bridges - Her Husband lives out of a suitcase and would like to see the coal mine come in. She feels it would be good for Panguitch.

Tracy Sidwell - He feels it would be a good thing for our area.

Joe Griffin - He is for the coal mine and would like to come back home to live and work. Currently, he has to travel out of town for work.

Ricky Miller - He worked in the coal mines for several years and feels it would be a good thing for the area.

Bobby Bryant - She expressed some real concerns. She wants to see some industry but wants it to be good industry. A coal mine would affect our tourism and highway 89 would be impacted in a negative way.

Peggy Egan - She feels there is a conflict between locals and move ins. She is very uncomfortable with the possibility of a coal mine. She feels there are other alternatives that we could move them towards that would work for everyone.

Vinny Salvato - He stated that the impact of the coal mine will affect the fisheries and wildlife in a negative way. Much improvement would have to be done to the 89 corridor. He feels it would be a tremendous mistake to allow this coal mine and does not want to see it get to where we cannot eat fish out of our fisheries.

Joe Lavine - He lives in Hatch, Utah and owns a campground by the Sevier River. He feels a coal mine would have a negative impact on our tourism and in other areas. Currently he is against the coal mine.

ALTON COAL MINE Mayor Cooper stated that most of the concerns expressed tonight are felt by him also. He has many concerns himself.

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Garfield County nor Panguitch City can make the decision regarding the proposed Alton coal mine. They can express their feelings but have no say as to whether the coal mine

happens or not. Mayor Cooper asked the city council for their feelings.

John Orton feels that Kane County will come out smelling like a rose and Garfield County will come out on the short end. He does feel the coal needs to be mined. 80% of the power in Utah is coal. There is a need for coal. There would be a benefit to Panguitch if they put the truck hub in Panguitch. This is one of the most critical issues that has come about. He is keeping an open mind and following the issue closely.

Nick Reynolds knows what shape the roads will be in after the coal trucks have been traveling on them. He sees both sides of the issue and wished he knew more about it. It is an important decision that needs to be made. He would like to see more jobs here. We have seen too many of our young people leave here and are not able to come back due to no jobs.

Tim Smith stated the city council members are in a position to make decisions that are best for the citizens of Panguitch even if we don't agree with the issue. He can see both side of the issue. He likes what Panguitch has become and wants people to remember the community for their events. He expressed his appreciation for all of the comments citizen's made. Tim thought about the possibility of routing the trucks around Panguitch. The BLM is concerned about the land not the roads or our tourism. As of yet we have not had any coal mine representatives come and talk with the city council. At the present time he is not convinced that the jobs would benefit Panguitch. He is going to support the majority that would benefit Panguitch. He hopes the audience will understand why and how the city council feels which ever way it may be.

Greg Payne does not want to see coal trucks coming through town. He feels an alternate route could be made for the truck traffic.

Allen K. Henrie turned in his comments regarding the issue at the last council meeting. He would like permission to call and see if we can get some of the economic development from the mine. The group against the mines need to address the groups who are making the decisions regarding the coal mine. He went on to say that many of

those in attendance were also against the new jail and it has turned into a very good thing. In fact, most would be in favor of an addition to the jail.

Mayor Art Cooper would like to see the positives and negativess and which are greater. It seems to be the negative are pretty definite and the positives are maybes. There are a lot of unanswered questions and many issues to be discussed.

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**Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Greg Payne to have a letter prepared from the city council to the BLM, UDOT, Department of Wildlife and the mining company asking them to come and make a presentation regarding the pros and cons of the proposed Alton Coal mine. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**MULTI PURPOSE EVENT CENTER** Scott Christensen reported that the Bar J Wranglers would cost approximately \$11,000.00 and wanted approval from the city council before booking them. They would be performing in conjunction with the “Cowboy’s ain’t dead yet” festival. Scott does not feel the event will pay for itself and stands to lose money.

Scott reported that he is currently working on a Viper rally event.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve up to \$11,000.00 for the Bar J Wranglers to perform here in conjunction with the “Cowboy’s ain’t dead yet” festival. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**PENDING BUSINESS** The pending business list was edited.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Airport Engineers** - Creamer and Noble are meeting with the Airport Board to go over improvements.

**Agreements** - Attorney Barry Huntington reported that he has prepared the leases and agreements for Sparx Electric and Croft's at the Industrial Park.

**CURRENT BILLS** The council reviewed the current bills to be paid.

**Greg Payne moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to pay the current bills.  
The motion passed with all in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

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J. Arthur Cooper, Mayor

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Cindy Johnson, City Recorder