

## **PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MARCH 13, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL - 6:30 P.M.**

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

Present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Lori Talbot, City Manager Allen K. Henrie, City Recorder Donna Osborn, City Council Members Eric Houston, Rick Miller, Laura Mosdell, Nick Reynolds, and Tim Smith. Attorney Barry Huntington was absent.

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Rick Miller conducted the opening ceremony.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Laura Mosdell moved, seconded by Rick Miller to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **UP COMING MEETINGS**

- **UDOT's annual visit - Thursday, March 22, 2012 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Triple C Arena:** All members of the City Council were invited to attend this meeting.
- **Political Caucuses:** The Democratic caucus will be held March 13, 2012 and the Republican caucus will be held March 15, 2012.
- **Dog Clinic:** The dog vaccination clinic and city dog licencing will be held March 14, 2012 at the Triple C Arena from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Fire Safety & Management:** Sponsored by the State Fire Marshall, this meeting will be Monday March 19, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Fire Station
- **Highway 89 Meeting:** This Mormon Heritage Highway meeting will be March 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Junction.

### **PRESCRIBED BURNS FOR 2012 - FOREST SERVICE - KAREN SCHROYER**

Ranger Karen Schroyer head of the Panguitch Forest Service Office presented the forest service prescribed burn schedule for our area. Three fires are planned on the Paunsagunt for April through September 2012 as an ongoing project. Specific dates

are not available, since the forest service must wait for a favorable window with the weather.

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The Forest Service Office will communicate with Allen Henrie before, during, and after each prescribed burn. Allen Henrie requested that the Forest Service check on events in the area such as the Bryce Canyon Marathon before the burns to minimize to effects of the smoke if possible.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - JANTZEN ORTON**

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Eric Houston to table the presentation for the Eagle Scout project by Jantzen Orton. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - JORY OWENS - AIRPORT WELL HOUSE RE-SHINGLE**

Jory Owens explained that he would like to re-shingle the well house at the airport for his eagle scout project. The total cost of materials for the project would be about \$500.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to approve the purchase of supplies up to \$500 to complete the Eagle Scout project at the airport. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**POLICE REPORT**

Sheriff Danny Perkins distributed the police report to the Council members and reported that the sheriff's department is busy but not overwhelmed. The Sheriff's Department has new updated computer software system which improves the communication with officers and allows tracking the officers' locations. The State Public Safety Legislature session increased the support to the police departments in Utah by one million dollars. Garfield County will see about \$120, 000 of these funds. Sheriff Perkins reported that a helicopter with a full-time pilot will be based in Hurricane to help with our needs in Garfield County. Sheriff Perkins reported that the DEA is gearing up for marijuana season. Two years ago there were 17 marijuana gardens found in Utah. Last year the number was down to 7.

Laura Mosdell informed Sheriff Perkins about problems with dirt bike riders at night and gas thefts in her neighborhood.

**TOURISM / TRAVEL ENHANCEMENT - ERIC HOUSTON**

Eric Houston reported on the preliminary costs of the website, visitor information center, and signs. A pre-total for the website and visitor information center would be approximately \$18,000. Eric does not yet have costs on signs. Becky Yard commented that the website was crucial and would like to see the council focus on that.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Nick Reynolds to approve taking \$25,000 from City surplus funds to go toward tourism enhancement focusing on the website, the visitor information center and signage. The motion passed with all in favor.**

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**ELAINE BALDWIN - BRICK PILLARS**

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to table the brick pillars discussion, since Elaine Baldwin was not present. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Elaine Baldwin arrived at the City Council Meeting.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Laura Mosdell to untable the brick pillars discussion. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Elaine Baldwin requested that brick pillars be placed on Main Street to use in place of the hay bales used to support the display of quilts during the Quilt Walk Festival. The brick pillars could also be used for seasonal decorating and for other events. Brick that does not require mortar has been located at Lowe's and would cost about \$6576. Elaine Baldwin is asking for city help in putting up the brick pillars. There will be 24 pillars total, and they will be carefully placed where they will work best for businesses and visitors/customers. Eric Houston suggested using the inmates to put up the pillars. Allen Henrie suggested that one or two pillars be constructed to see what issues may arise.

**Rick Miller moved, seconded by Tim Smith to proceed with the project and to allow the use of the prisoners to put up the pillars on Main Street. The motion passed. Eric Houston abstained from the vote.**

**PRIORITY LIST FOR CITY PROJECTS**

Numerous projects were discussed. Mayor Lori Talbot instructed Donna Osborn to type the priority list of projects and requested the list be included in the City Council packets for the meeting on March 27, 2012.

**TRUCK FOR CITY EMPLOYEE**

Garfield County would be willing to sell a 2009 3/4 ton truck with low miles for \$20,000 to Panguitch City. A 1/2 ton truck would be adequate for the city maintenance workers and would be more economical. The council expressed the opinion that a smaller, less expensive truck would be adequate and could be located easily. The truck

needs to be 4 wheel drive with a hitch for a trailer. The Council will get more specifics from the maintenance crew on their needs in a truck before taking action.

### **NEW BACKHOE BID**

Century Equipment has presented a bid to Allen Henrie for a new backhoe to replace the City's 5 year old backhoe. Century would give a trade-in value of \$70,000 for the City's current backhoe. The final cost of a new backhoe would be \$25,000. Allen Henrie expressed the opinion that this was a very fair bid. Money to purchase the backhoe could be taken from water or sewer funds or both.

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**Nick Reynolds moved, seconded by Eric Houston to accept the bid for a new backhoe from Century Equipment. The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **BOND REFINANCE**

Zions Bank Public Finance Department contacted Allen Henrie about the bonds on the Triple C Arena and the sewer. Zions Bank informed Allen that Zions could possibly save the City about 1% on the Triple C and sewer bonds. This savings would be about \$10,000 a year. The refinancing process would cost about \$15,000. Mayor Lori Talbot recommended checking into the refinancing.

**Tim Smith moved, seconded by Eric Houston to instruct Allen Henrie to investigate the particulars on the Bond issue. The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **J. P. FINES REPORT**

**Laura Mosdell moved, seconded by Tim Smith to accept the J. P. Fines Report. The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **EVANS PROPERTY**

Darlene Evans has accepted the City's offer for the appraised value of the Evans property north of the City Park. Allen Henrie has started the title search process.

### **HIRE NEW CITY EMPLOYEE - LIBRARIAN / MARKETING / DEPUTY RECORDER**

**Eric Houston moved, seconded by Tim Smith to offer the position of Librarian / Marketing / Deputy Recorder to Brinda Bair. The motion passed. Nick Reynolds abstained from the vote.**

### **MULTI PURPOSE EVENT CENTER**

The Triple C Arena is getting ready for the summer events. There will be a Team Roping event at the end of March. The new stall policy has met some resistance on the penalty charges.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

The maintenance crew has started at the Burdell Henrie's property today. Greg Payne of Rocky Mountain Power was at the property with the crew. This project is in process.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **Main Street** Eric Houston reported on the Main Street meeting. He stated that the committee is working on merchandise for the City as well as for the Balloon Festival. Eric recommended that the calendar of events be made available as soon as possible.

- **Spring Newsletter** Allen Henrie reported that the Spring newsletter is in progress and should be finalized next week. This will include the calendar of events.

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Allen invited the council to add items to the newsletter. Karen Shroyer suggested that the Forest Service prescribed burns be mentioned in the newsletter. Randy & Becky Yard suggested the inclusion of a special book signing on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 12:00 noon in conjunction with the Giant Yard Sale. The Book is "Butch Cassidy, My Uncle" by Bill Betenson. Books will be available for purchase.

- **Swimming Pool** Mayor Lori Talbot met with Garfield County School Board President Ken Platt. Mr. Platt informed the mayor that the school district has no money for the purchase of the easement of any of the other monies requested by the City. The School District may be able to make a payment on the pool or help with repairs on the existing pool. Allen Henrie stated that the only way to run a swimming pool is to raise taxes. The council recommended that a survey with options of retaining the existing pool versus building a new pool and how the funding should be obtained be conducted to get citizen opinion and comment. Tim Smith and Allen Henrie will generate a survey to be sent to the citizens of Panguitch. Allen Henrie will also meet with Superintendent Ben Dalton.

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

**Eric Houston moved, seconded by Tim Smith to pay the current bills.  
The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Donna Osborn, City Recorder