



Parowan City Council Meeting
February 25, 2021
6:00 p.m. – Parowan City Council Chambers
35 E. 100 N., Parowan UT 84761

Present: Mayor Preston B. Griffiths
Councilmember David Burton
Councilmember Matt Gale
Councilmember Jim Harris
Councilmember Jim Shurtleff
Councilmember Patti Vesely

Staff Present: Cleve Matheson, City Manager; Justin Wayment, City Attorney; Stacy Gale, Deputy Treasurer; Heather Shurtleff, Deputy Recorder; Callie Bassett, City Recorder; Caylor Mathews, Parowan PD

Public Present: Jay Wilcken

Called to Order: Mayor Griffiths called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Jay Wilcken offered the invocation. He then led the council and the staff in the pledge of allegiance.

Declaration of Conflicts: No conflicts were declared.

Public Comments: There were no comments.

CONSENT MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2011 and February 11, 2021
2. Approval of Warrant Register/Purchase Orders
3. Financial Statement for January 2021
4. Approval of Jenifer Terry as Theater Board Chairman

MOTION: Councilmember Shurtleff moved to approve the consent agenda, excluding the minutes from January 22, 2021 (which were not available for approval).

SECOND: Councilmember Gale seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION MEETING

5. Annexation of Parcel #C1100-0000-0000, Zone change to A-20:

Attorney Justin Wayment explained to the Council that the individual purchasing the Black Home and property (parcel #C1100-0000-0000) on Old Highway 91. It is currently zoned R1Half. They are going to seek to have it changed back to the A-20 zone that it was previously so that they can have a high end resort that will be used for family reunions, weddings, etc.

Mr. Wayment and the Council had a discussion regarding the property. Mr. Wayment declared a conflict of interest because the potential buyer of the property is a friend of his.

The Council decided there is no reason to annex this property into the city. The city would not be able to provide the zoning necessary for the plans that this buyer has for the property.

MOTION: Councilmember Harris moved to declare that the council is not interested in annexing parcel #C1100-0000-0000.

SECOND: Councilmember Shurtleff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

6. Approval of Surplus Property Sale Item List:

- 2000 Ford Ranger: The motor is blown on this vehicle. They are asking for a minimum bid of \$500 for parts.
- 1979 Intl. Jetter Truck: The truck still runs. Mr. Matheson was not sure what a reasonable offer would be. A jetter truck carries water that can be jetted up a sewer line to help flush it out.
- 2007 Dodge Charger: Asking a minimum bid of \$1250 because of new tires and battery.
- Bent and Damaged Livestock Panels: There is quite a collection of mismatched panels and damaged panels. If no one can use them, they will be discarded into the metal bin.
- 170' x 28' Canopy Shed: This building has a truss roof. This shed wasn't engineered or constructed very well. There may be value in the trusses or the tin that is on it if someone wanted to purchase it and take it down.
- 2009 Ex Mark Bagging Mower: They are currently looking into purchasing a new mower. This mower still runs and has value. Staff suggested a minimum bid of between \$2000 and \$2500 for this mower.

MOTION: Councilmember Harris moved to give approval to staff to liquidate the surplus sale items listed.

SECOND: Councilmember Vesely seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
For clarification purposes, there were no objections to the minimum bids presented.

WORK MEETING

7. City Pool Parameters Discussion:

Mr. Matheson said that he and Councilmember Burton met with Mr. Tom Anderson who gave them a lot of pointers about municipal swimming pools. He said there needs to be some very concise things figured out before you go out for an RFP. First and foremost, you have to determine if it will be a seasonal or year round pool. Other things to consider:

- What size of pool will it be?
- Will it be constructed of plaster/cement or steel?
- What Long term and short term cost savings should be considered?

Once these types of things are determined, Rosenberg Associates can help put an RFP together.

Mr. Anderson gave Mr. Matheson and Councilmember Burton some ideas of what is popular in municipal pools, what the trends are and what has gone away. Mr. Matheson said, for example, if you are going to have a diving board, your pool must be 12 feet deep.

Councilmember Burton spoke with several pool managers. He said the manager from Gunnison would be willing to come and talk to the council. He said he had some really good, common sense ideas. He also spoke with the pool manager from Price. They have an indoor pool. They also have an outdoor pool that they put a bubble on during the winter. She said one summer they left that bubble on for some reason, and they saved about \$15,000 on chemicals for that pool. The chemicals for indoor pools is much less than that of outdoor pools, because the UV rays from the sun burn off the chemicals.

Councilmember Shurtleff asked if Parowan is really interested in a year round swimming pool. Councilmember Burton said yes, he thinks we are. He said after talking to different pool managers and people in the community, he thinks we should do everything we can to have an indoor swimming pool. Attorney Wayment and Councilmember Gale both said Councilmember Burton needs to talk to the Beaver pool manager. Beaver shuts its pool down for 2 months in the winter time. But they also have some great ideas for programs for their pools.

Councilmember Burton said these pool managers have a whole list of different opportunities available for their patrons. He said there are both pros and cons to having an indoor pool, but the consensus from the people he spoke with was Parowan should go for that. They also said that you have to look at the dynamics of your community. These places have a lot of people that use their facilities in the winter. Councilmember Vesely said that an indoor pool would allow for a swim team at Parowan High School, and it would have therapeutic benefits for the elderly people in our community.

Councilmember Burton said he and Mollie Halterman are working on looking for grants and other revenue sources to help with this project. He said that looking at this, he feels the difficulty will be covering the operating costs. Councilmember Gale asked if Councilmember Burton had asked about how much it cost to build these pools. Councilmember Harris said it costs about \$3-4 million dollars to build a pool. If you add a building, it costs an additional \$1-2 million.

Councilmember Shurtleff said they talked before about whether they would have a year round pool or a seasonal pool. He said that if they decide to have a year round pool, have a regulation pool for competition would bump up the cost.

Councilmember Gale asked where we are going to get the money for this. Councilmember Shurtleff said we would have to bond or raise taxes for this pool. Councilmember Harris said there are recreational grants available if we can get them. Councilmember Shurtleff said it is going to cost the city a ton of money. Councilmember Vesely said that is what they need to know up front before they make any decisions. Councilmember Burton said there are ways to raise the money.

Councilmember Gale asked how long this is going to take. He asked how long it is going to take to get the money together while we shut down the pool and it just sits there. Councilmember Burton said he took Mr. Tom Anderson to the pool. He said it looked like the one end of the pool has settled. Mr. Anderson said that if that is what has happened, and it's not just an optical illusion, the pool cannot be opened. He said they will condemn it. Councilmember Burton said if that's the case, the pool isn't going to serve anyone any way.

Councilmember Burton said this is a big project. They also need to consider private donations.

The council was in agreement that the pool needs to be replaced. They also agreed that they need to get the numbers. Councilmember Harris suggested they start by coming to an agreement on the scope of the project. He said for the elderly people, they have what they call now a current channel where people can walk against the current for exercise. He said they no longer have steps into a pool. They have what is called a zero entry pool, which gradually transition from land to water, and continues to slope down until it drops off at the desired depth. He thinks something like this should be the scope of this project. Councilmember Shurtleff added that if they plan on making it UHSAA approved for swim meets, they need to find out exactly what is required for that as well.

Councilmember Harris said they need to take a look at the Aquatic Center in Cedar. They have legal sized competition pools, but the most popular pool is the outdoor pool, because people don't like to be inside breathing chlorine and humidity all day. Once the outside pool is open, it is just mobbed. He said these are things they need to talk about. He also mentioned that the Aquatic Center has two high schools that use their pools.

Councilmember Burton said he thinks they should have someone who knows about pools come and talk with the council. Councilmember Gale said he doesn't know how to approach this, but he would like to have input from the community. Councilmember Burton said he isn't doing this for himself. He is doing this for the greater whole of the community. He said he is thinking of the youngest resident to the elderly. He feels strongly that it is very important that everyone learn how to swim. It should be taught as part of the school P.E. programs. Councilmember Gale says that he feels that our community pool staff has done a good job of teaching our kids how to swim. He said we shouldn't knock what has been accomplished. Councilmember

Burton agreed, and said that he just wants that opportunity to be available to more people. Councilmember Gale said if they close the pool for 3-4 years, there are going to be people who don't learn to swim.

Councilmember Harris said once the numbers are put together, Mr. Anderson told them that it takes about 18 months from design to swimming. He said it takes about 8 months to construct a pool and have it ready to swim in. Councilmember Gale was concerned about finding a contractor, especially in these times. He was reassured that there are contractors who specialize in pool construction. They aren't local contractors.

Councilmember Shurtleff asked if there was some way to use the website to gather information from the public. Callie Bassett said they can use the website to send out a survey. She said that Judy Schiers just texted and said that we could do a survey using Survey Monkey or we could also have a public hearing. Mayor Griffiths asked about putting something on the power bills. The office staff said they could put together something to put on the website.

There was discussion about a competition pool. Councilmember Shurtleff didn't feel like a competition pool was something that Parowan could do, especially with the competition pools available in Cedar City. He feels we need to focus on a community pool, because that is something we can do. He feels it is important to be upfront that taxes will probably be raised, surcharges on utilities probably are in the future. He said we need to find out if this is something the community is willing to do in order to get us to a new pool, which we obviously need. He said we cannot continue to throw money away and having that liability any longer.

Councilmember Burton said before we talk about raising taxes, we need to see what money is available through grants, etc. He feels there are a lot of opportunities for revenue out there. Councilmember Shurtleff said there may be a lot of resources available, but we are talking millions of dollars. He said you think we're going to find all of this free money out there, and it just doesn't happen. He said on top of that, we may get the money to construct it, but then you have to think about how we are going to keep it running. He said we may even have to do a bond.

Councilmember Burton asked if the council would like someone to come and talk with them. The council agreed that would be a good thing. Councilmember Burton said the sooner the better. Councilmember Gale said he would be interested hearing the numbers from someone – what it cost to build their pool, what it costs to maintain it, etc. Councilmember Burton said it has been very enlightening to speak with these different pool managers. He said he is learning a lot and is trying to keep an open mind to all of the different options out there. The consensus of the pool managers he spoke with said that Parowan should do an indoor pool, but have panels that can open to an outdoor patio. There are just so many options to consider.

Mayor Griffiths asked Councilmember Burton to have someone come and speak to the Council at the next meeting.

8. Cemetery Policy Update:

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Council/Mayor/City Manager/Staff Reports:

Councilmember Vesely didn't have anything to report this evening.

Councilmember Harris said the only thing he had was the meeting he attended with Councilmember Burton with Mr. Anderson about the pool. He wasn't able to attend Power Board.

Councilmember Gale reported that the Power Board met, however there were not enough members present for a quorum. There was a gentleman, Mr. Peyton Hafen, from United Energy who talked with them about solar panels. His concern was that Parowan's cap is 5 kW. Most homes are using more than that. They are going to have Mr. Hafen come back to discuss this with the power board. He said it was a very informative meeting for him.

Councilmember Shurtleff didn't have anything to report this evening.

Councilmember Burton didn't have anything else to discuss this evening.

Mr. Matheson expressed his thanks to the council for getting the discussion going about the new pool. He said the first thing the professionals ask is "What do you want?" You have to know what you want in order to get the numbers, not only for the build, but for future maintenance. The hardest part is determining what you want, then you can go after it.

10. Closed Session (if necessary): There was no closed session

ACTION MEETING

11. Any Action Necessary As a Result of the Closed Session: None.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: Councilmember Gale moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Burton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Preston B. Griffiths, Mayor

Callie Bassett, CMC, City Recorder

Date Approved: 3/11/2021