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# *PANGUITCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES*

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PANGUITCH CITY OFFICE  
CONFERENCE ROOM, 25 S 200 E  
PANGUITCH, UTAH 84759  
January 27, 2026, 5:30 PM

Those present at the City Council meeting were Mayor Kim Soper, City Recorder Tyrissa Howell, City Attorney Barry Huntington, and Council Members David Dodds, Cindy Stewart, Tracy Wright, James Kinsey, and Mike Sarles. City Manager Mat Houston was absent.

Others present were Carla Farnsworth, Karma Albrecht, Lori Talbot, Brandy Everette, Mark Everette, Paul Dastrup, Lane Mecham, and Cheryl Berry.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

## OPENING CEREMONY

Council Member David Dodds conducted the opening ceremony.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Cindy Stewart moved, seconded by Mike Sarles, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Cindy Stewart moved, seconded by Tracy Wright, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

## EVENTS UPDATE – KARMA ALBRECHT

Karma Albrecht updated the council on her new brochure, which features the idea of Panguitch being at the center of it all. The website will also be updated with the “at the center of it all” logo. Karma stated that the Balloon Rally, Fishing Derby, and the Desperado Duel each received \$3000 from the Garfield Tourism Office.

## VENDORS – LORI TALBOT

Lori Talbot spoke with the council about vendors who set up around Panguitch during the Panguitch Valley Balloon Rally but do not pay the required vendor fee. To be in the Balloon Rally vendor area, vendors pay \$150 for a 10x10 space and \$200 for a 10x10 space with power. If a vendor sets up on private property within the city, the rally can’t charge them. There are currently 42 Balloon Rally vendor spots that are full, with a 7-page list of vendors waiting for a spot to open up. There was a discussion on adding more vendor spots for vendors who want to participate in the rally but can’t get in because the vendor area is full. The Council asked Lori and Karma to look into solutions and come back to the Council with ideas.

## BUDGET UPDATE AND PAYMENT APPROVAL

City Treasurer Carla Farnsworth

**Mike Sarles moved, seconded by James Kinsey, to approve the budget update and payment approval. The motion passed with all in favor.**

## CITY/SCHOOL PROPERTIES

The City Council toured the school district office earlier this week. Lane Mecham stated that the 55 feet of the city yard would make the school district's project doable, but they would prefer the entire city yard property. The school district would prefer a trade with the city rather than purchasing property. The Council said they would discuss the options and get back to Lane.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tracy Wright moved, seconded by Cindy Stewart, to enter an executive session to discuss a possible property acquisition at ??? with Barry Huntington, James Kinsey, David Dodds, Kim Soper, Tyrissa Howell, Mike Sarles, and Cindy Stewart in attendance. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Sarles moved, seconded by James Kinsey, to exit the executive session at 6:37 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

## CITY/SCHOOL PROPERTIES

James Kinsey moved, seconded by Cindy Stewart, to get an appraisal of the Panguitch City yard and an appraisal of the land the BIC building sits on. The motion passed with all in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

David Dodds moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM.

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Kim Soper, Mayor

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Tyrissa Howell, City Recorder