

MINUTES

SUMMIT COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCIL
RICHINS BUILDING
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

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Some Council Members attended the Summit County holiday luncheon at Ledges Event Center, 202 East Park Road, Coalville, UT 84017 (11:30 A.M.)

Travel to Richins Building (12:50 P.M.)

Closed Session (1:19 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss personnel. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion, and all voted in favor, (4-0) (1:19 P.M.)

The Summit County Council met in closed session from 1:19 p.m. to 3:21 p.m. to discuss personnel. The following people were present:

Chris Robinson, Council Chair	Canice Harte, Council Member Elect
Roger Armstrong, Council Vice-Chair	Drew Gorgey, Columbia Ltd. CEO
Glenn Wright, Council Member	Dave Thomas, Civil Chief Deputy Attorney
Malena Stevens, Council Member	Margaret Olson, Attorney
	David Warnock, Human Resources Director

ABSENT:

Tonja Hanson, Council Member

Council Member Armstrong made a motion to leave closed session to discuss personnel and convene in open session. Council Member Stevens seconded the motion, and all voted in favor, (4-0) (3:21 P.M.)

Move to the multi-purpose room (3:21 P.M.)

Chris Robinson, Council Chair
Roger Armstrong, Council Vice-Chair
Glenn Wright, Council Member
Malena Stevens, Council Member

Janna Young, Interim County Manager
Dave Thomas, Civil Chief Deputy Attorney
Margaret Olson, County Attorney
Pat Putt, Community Development Director
Andy Rasmussen, Project Mgr. Langdon Grp.
Dan Adams, Langdon Grp. Sr. Exec.
Ben Nielson, North Summit Fire Chief
Michael Novak, North Summit Fire
Administrative Control Bd. Member
Ryan Stack, Civil Deputy Attorney
Matt Leavitt, Financial Officer
Robin Judd, Accounts Payable
Derrick Radke, Public Works Director
John Angell, Deputy Public Works Director
Caroline Rodriguez, High Valley Transit
Exec. Dir.
Justin Martinez, Sheriff
Dana Jones, Snyderville Basin Rec. Special
Service Dist. Exec. Dir.
Brandi Conolly, Snyderville Basin Rec.
Special Service Dist. Bd. Chair
Brad Rodgers, Snyderville Basin Rec. Special
Service Dist. Business Mgr.
Eve Furse, Clerk
Brian Craven, Multimedia Specialist

ON ZOOM:

Blake Perez, Central Wasatch Comm. Exec.
Dir. of Admin.
Lindsey Nielsen, Central Wasatch Comm.
Exec. Dir. of Policy
Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek Mayor
Stephanie Poll, Assessor
Travis Lewis, Chief Deputy Assessor
Helen Strachan, Deputy Attorney

ABSENT:

Tonja Hanson, Council Member

Council Meeting was called to order. (3:21 P.M.)

Work Session (3:21 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance (3:21 P.M.)

Update and review of Revised Dakota-Pacific Traffic Impact Study Peer Review Selection; Pat Putt (3:22 P.M.)

Community Development Director Pat Putt explained the process for selecting the consultant to do the Dakota-Pacific Traffic Impact Study. The selection committee recommended Wall Consulting Group. Council Members asked questions. Director Putt responded.

Update on the implementation of the Utah Watersheds Council Act and discussion of possible appointees to the Weber River Watershed Council; Andy Rasmussen and Dan Adams (3:34 P.M.)

Dan Adams, Langdon Group Senior Executive, introduced the Utah Watersheds Council Act to the Council. Council Members asked questions. Mr. Adams, and Jess Kirby, Public Lands Manager, responded to Council's questions.

Update from the Central Wasatch Commission; Blake Perez, Lindsey Nielsen, Jeff Silvestrini, Erin Mendenhall and Tina Nee (4:02 P.M.)

Millcreek Mayor Silvestrini introduced the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) to the Council. Council Chair Robinson is the chair of the CWC. Blake Perez, CWC Executive Director of Administration, talked about the CWC's stakeholder advisory council. Lindsey Nielsen, CWC's Executive Director of Policy, explained the CWC's Environmental Dashboard. Council Chair Robinson gave an update on current issues facing the Commission. Council Members commented and asked questions to which the presenters responded.

Convene as the Board of Equalization (4:34 P.M.)

Council Member Armstrong made a motion to convene as the Board of Equalization. Council Member Stevens seconded, and all voted in favor, (4-0). (4:34 P.M.)

Discussion and approval of 2022 stipulations; Stephanie Poll and Travis Lewis (4:35 P.M.)

Travis Lewis, *Chief Deputy Assessor*, presented for discussion and possible approval the 2022 stipulations.

Council Member Armstrong moved approval of the 2022 stipulations as contained in the packet. Council Member Wright seconded, and all voted in favor, (4-0). (4:35 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens made a motion to dismiss as the Board of Equalization and to convene as the Governing Board of North Summit Fire Service District. Council Member Wright seconded, and all voted in favor, (4-0). (4:36 P.M.)

Convene as the Governing Board of North Summit Fire Service District (4:36 P.M.)

Truth-in-Taxation discussion and adoption of Resolution NSFSD 2022-25, a Budget Resolution of the North Summit Fire Service District Approving a Property Tax Rate Increase in Excess of the 2022 Certified Tax Rate; Ben Nielson (4:36 P.M.)

North Summit Fire Chief Ben Nielson presented requested information on the personnel salary request for 2023. Council members asked questions. Chief Nielson and Michael Novak, North Summit Fire Administrative Control Board Member, responded.

Council Member Wright moved to approval of Resolution NSFSD 2022-25, a Budget Resolution of the North Summit Fire Service District Approving a Property Tax Rate Increase in Excess of the 2022 Certified Tax Rate. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (4:53 p.m.)

Discussion and adoption of Resolution NSFSD 2022-27, a Budget Resolution of the North Summit Fire Service District 2023 Budgets; Ben Nielson. (4:53 P.M.)

Council Member Wright moved to approval of Resolution NSFSD 2022-27, a Budget Resolution of the North Summit Fire Service District Approving the 2023 Budget. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (4:53 p.m.)

Discussion and approval of first official set of Personnel Policies; Ben Nielson (4:54 P.M.)

North Summit Fire Chief Nielson presented the proposed Personnel Policies for North Summit Fire Service District. Council Members asked questions; Chief Nielson and Ryan Stack, Deputy Attorney, responded.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approval of the North Summit Fire Service District's first official set of Personnel Policies. Seconded by Council Member Wright. All voted in favor, 4-0. (4:56 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong made a motion to dismiss as the Governing Board of North Summit Fire Service District and to convene as the County Council. Council Member Stevens seconded, and all voted in favor, (4-0). (4:56 P.M.)

Regular Session (4:57 P.M.)

Appoint member to serve on the Summit County Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC); Janna Young (4:57 P.M.)

Interim Manager Janna Young asked the Council Members to appoint Dick Stoner to the Summit County Open Space Advisory Committee.

Council Member Stevens moved to appoint Dick Stoner to the Summit County Open Space Advisory Committee for a term ending July 31, 2025. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:00 p.m.)

Discussion and adoption of Proclamation No. 2022-12, a Proclamation Recognizing Robin “Nino” Judd for 9,033.375 Days of Public Service to the Citizens of Summit County, Utah; Matt Leavitt. (5:01 p.m.)

Matt Leavitt, Finance Officer, introduced the Proclamation. Council Members and Interim Manager Janna Young commented and thanked Robin Judd, Accounts Payable, for her service to the County. Ms. Judd thanked the Council.

Council Member Armstrong moved to adopt Proclamation No. 2022-12, a Proclamation Recognizing Robin “Nino” Judd for 9,033.375 Days of Public Service to the Citizens of Summit County, Utah. Seconded by Council Member Stevens. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:10 p.m.)

Discussion and adoption of Proclamation No. 2022-13, a Proclamation Recognizing Derrick Radke for 30 Years of Public Service to the Citizens of Summit County, Utah; John Angell (5:16 p.m.)

John Angell, Public Works Director, introduced the Proclamation. Council Members, Interim Manager Janna Young, and Caroline Rodriguez, High Valley Transit Executive Director, commented and thanked Derrick Radke, Public Works Director Emeritus, for his service to the County. Mr. Radke thanked the Council.

Council Member Armstrong moved to adopt Proclamation No. 2022-13, a Proclamation Recognizing Derrick Radke for 30 Years of Public Service to the Citizens of Summit County, Utah. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:24 p.m.)

Council Minutes dated September 12, 2022, September 19, 2022, September 27, 2022, September 28, 2022, October 3, 2022, October 5, 2022, and October 12, 2022. (5:37 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Council Minutes dated September 12, 2022. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 3-0 (Council Member Stevens abstained due to absence from the meeting). (5:39 p.m.)

Council Member Stevens moved to approve the Council Minutes dated September 19, 2022. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 3-0 (Council Member Armstrong abstained due to absence from the meeting). (5:40 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Council Minutes dated September 27, 2022 with the correction of the date. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:40 p.m.)

Council Member Stevens moved to approve the Council Minutes dated September 28, 2022. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:40 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Council Minutes dated October 3, 2022. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 3-0 (Council Member Wright abstained due to absence from the meeting). (5:41 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Council Minutes dated October 5, 2022 with the noted corrections. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (5:43 p.m.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Council Minutes dated October 12, 2022. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 3-0 (Council Member Robinson abstained due to absence from the meeting). (5:44 p.m.)

Interim Manager Comments (5:44 P.M.)

Janna Young shared with excitement the news that certificates of occupancy had been issued for Buildings A and H of the slopeside workforce housing at the Canyons, providing for a total of 480 beds. The County will get Sundance tickets again this year. Each Council Member will get an explore pass. The County also gets day one tickets. Manager Young asked Members to get back to her with first and second choices for films they'd like to see. Additionally, Manager Young scheduled a Council retreat for Friday January 20th from 10 am to 4 pm. The Committee working on Community Visioning Process is kicking off the visioning at Ledges on 1/17 from 6-8 P.M., Richins on 1/26 from 6-8 P.M., and Kamas 2/7 from 6-8 P.M. Council Member Robinson and Stevens can attend on the 26th. Council Member Armstrong can attend 2/7. Council Member elect Harte will attend 1/17.

Council Comments (5:49 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens (5:49 P.M.) let the Council know that Mountain Mediation will present the public opinion information it collected on the Olympics at the joint meeting with Park City in January. Initially, the County has received some really good feedback.

Council Member Wright (5:50 p.m.) told Council it's been a pleasure to work on Council over the last 6 years because they've gotten a lot done. He is particularly proud of the things Council has gotten done on climate change goals, renewable energy, forest health, biomass. The Canyons housing project was incredible. There is still lots to do on affordable housing going forward particularly for county employees. He told a story about one of the most important people in his life—his last squadron commander in his second tour of duty in the Vietnam War. His squadron was the biggest flying squadron with 100 pilots and was full of wild guys. They frequently got drunk and disorderly. The squadron commander kept them all out of trouble. Everyone has to take care of the troops. Doing that probably cost him promotion. He had done 4 or 5 tours in the War, and this group was his last command. Council Member Wright's pearls of wisdom are to take care of the troops.

Council Members thanked Council Member Wright for his service.

Council Chair Armstrong noted that he was celebrating his 31st wedding anniversary with Beth Armstrong today, and she had provided treats to celebrate.

Council took a 5 minute break. (5:55 P.M.)

Public Input (6:03 P.M.)

The public had the opportunity to submit comments to Council by emailing publiccomments@summitcounty.org by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. People who wished to interact with Council at 6:00 p.m. for public input were asked to follow the "Public Comment and Public Hearing Instructions".

Council Chair Robinson opened the meeting for public input. (6:03 P.M.)

Ernest Oriente—came to thank everyone. He has lived here for 25 years. He listens to, watches, and reads about everything that goes on here. He loves what happens in this community. He told everyone that behind the scenes, they were the angels that make it happen, and he wanted to thank them. He also wanted to thank Snyderville Basin and Recreation and tell a few stories. He notices the little things and loves the recreational options available. Whether it is a replaced net strap at the tennis courts or trash removal it gets done promptly. There is a little bridge in the back of Swaner Nature Preserve. There were a few branches obstructing the way. He pinged Dana Jones, the Executive Director, and it was fixed the next day. Even the rolling of the trails for cross country—these are part of the blessings this community has. He asked Council to please raise taxes. He also shared the story of the Cohen family who came from Cincinnati after hearing about the community from him over the last 25 years. They are experiencing it through fresh eyes and finding everything he said was true. He again thanked everyone and asked Council to please raise his taxes and continue to provide the magical life and lifestyle and recreation choices that you do.

Council Chair Robinson closed the meeting for public input. (6:07 P.M.)

Public Hearings (6:07 P.M.)

Public hearing and approval of Ordinance 834-L amending Ordinance 834 County-Wide Fee Schedule for Summit County; Helen Strachan, Michael Kendell, Kelsey Christiansen, Stacy Gunn, Mike Crystal, Derrick Radke, John Angell, Rhonda Francis, Kathryn McMullin, and Pat Putt

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (6:08 P.M.)

No one commented.

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing (6:09 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens moved to approve Ordinance 834-L amending Ordinance 834 County-Wide Fee Schedule for Summit County. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 5-0. (6:10 P.M.)

Public hearing and adoption of Resolution 2022-28, a Budget Resolution of the Summit County Council 2022 Budget Amendments; Matt Leavitt (6:10 P.M.)

Matt Leavitt, Financial Officer, presented the 2022 Budget Amendments addressing the changes that need to be made. Council Members asked questions. Mr. Leavitt responded.

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (6:13 P.M.)

No one commented.

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing (6:14 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens moved to adopt Resolution SBSRD 2022-28, a Budget Resolution of the Summit County Council 2022 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Council Member Wright. All voted in favor, 4-0. (6:14 P.M.)

Public hearing and adoption of Resolution 2022-29, a Budget Resolution of the Summit County Council 2023 Budgets; Matt Leavitt

Matt Leavitt, Financial Officer, presented the open issues in the 2023 Budget. Council Members stated their positions and asked questions. Mr. Leavitt and Sheriff Justin Martinez responded.

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (6:31 P.M.)

Mike Quinones offered a comment on the sworn safety officers' additional 2% COLA. He wanted to know if the increase applies to jailers and administrative staff. He thinks it's well deserved and should be across the board.

Council Member Stevens responded that it does. (6:32 P.M.)

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing (6:32 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens moved to approve Resolution SBSRD 2022-29, a Budget Resolution of the Summit County Council 2023 Budget as amended to include an additional 2% for all sworn law enforcement officers and dispatchers so their compensation for COLA would equate to 12% instead of 10%. Council Member Armstrong seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (6:33 P.M.)

Convene as the Governing Board of Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District

Council Member Stevens made a motion to convene as the Governing Board of Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion, and all voted in favor, (4-0). (6:34 P.M.)

Truth-in-Taxation public hearing and adoption of Resolution SBSRD 2022-30, a Budget Resolution approving a Property Tax Rate Increase in Excess of the 2022 Certified Tax Rate; Dana Jones

Dana Jones, Executive Director, provided background on the need for the requested tax increase for the Snyderville Basin Recreation Special Service District. Brandi Conolly, Snyderville Basin Recreation Special Service District Board Chair, and Brad Rodgers, Snyderville Basin Recreation Special Service District Business Manager supported the presentation.

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (6:50 P.M.)

Gary Peacock (6:50 P.M.) lives in Willow Creek and is a regular user of the field house. He thinks the Recreation District does a great job. He comes from the corporate world. In the corporate world, corporations have to live within their budget. If the district can't afford what it's doing it should downsize. It is astonishing to ask for a 20% increase in this environment. The County already had a fiasco with property taxes this year. He had to pay an additional \$5,000 tax increase this year because County only has 7 people in Appraiser's Office so Walmart and McDonald's taxes went down, and his went up. His property insurance is going up, gas is going up, food is well over 9%. Consumable things are going up like mad. Additionally, the Country is very likely headed into a recession, and people are going to lose their jobs. This is an affluent community and this increase won't break the bank. His taxes will go up \$400; there is a 40% increase in membership fees. Basin and Rec is planning for expansion when it is a period of contraction. There is no benefit for additional value of property. Many people are reaching their limit. This is insatiable demand for revenue. The demand has gone up 100% as far as he can tell. Retired people are getting a Social Security bump below inflation rate, and Medicare is raising its rates. The County has to reign in increases. He's not saying the County shouldn't do this; he's just saying the County needs to start reigning in spending.

Mike Quinones (6:58 P.M.) dittos Mr. Peacock's whole statement. He is stuck with his income. Every year taxes go up, expenditures go up. It's getting to the point where those who have been in the County a while can't afford to live in the County anymore. He asked if the District was going to appoint from within and whether they are going to backfill if they do appoint from within.

Bob Martin (6:59 P.M.) noted that the District just built all these new fields in Trailside East area. He wanted to know what the payback on the fields is for the special events. He said the community didn't need those fields for people who live in the community. It's for events. The events impact the lives of the residents considerably. There is a lot of event fatigue. He wanted to know if the increase covers that or if the events are covering themselves over time, including maintenance. The community has talked about parking fees at trailheads in the past. He knows the District keeps saying the fees don't cover the expense of the fees. But they do it everywhere else, why doesn't the district do it here. He thanked Council.

Tom Davies (7:01 P.M.) had the misfortune of being assessed at peak of market before the interest rates affected the values. His taxes almost doubled. He didn't object until he learned about the revenue neutrality clause. It seems like an arbitrary redistribution of wealth. He'd like to know if that can be changed.

Douglas Clark (7:02 P.M.) There is a 19.9 % increase in the rate. He asked if the rate is based on property value, and what is the denominator of the rate. He asked what was the average increase in residential property value in the last year. If it's based on property value and property value doubles don't taxes double. He stated that he is new to the area and needs to understand that.

Jordan Miller (7:04 P.M.) is a resident of Silver Creek. He voted for the recreation related bond in 2020. He supports money for outdoor space. Many of these proposals are well intention and have good thoughts behind them. But, times have changed in the last couple of years. They are no longer responsible or reasonable. In the last 2 years gas prices raised 67% according to CNN. In the last year there has been a 17% increase in home heating costs according to TIME; there was an 11.4% increase in food last year according to Forbes. Residents are having to make changes to their budgets to recognize this, and they can't do anything about it. They've also had increases from the water district and the school district and the fire department. Now they are being asked for an increase for recreation activities. Summit County should take the same approach citizens and families are doing and cut the recreation budget. Trim the amount down to 8%. He asked what proposals and positions were cut from the budget. Mr. Miller asked how the district came up with new positions that don't pay for themselves. He urged the Council to think about how families have to budget and make the Recreation Department make those same changes.

Mitch Bedke (7:07 P.M.) is a 20 year resident. He loves Basin Recreation. They were his neighbors for many years. He also had his property taxed doubled. An additional 19% for Basin Recreation is just too much tax. He asked Council to see if it could find money in county budget to help Basin Recreation. Something has to be cut or found with respect to total dollars. He thanked the Council.

Renee Miller (7:09 P.M.) It's basic supply and demand. If people don't want to pay for it, maybe it's not a need. The property tax claims, the tax code, Article 1, section 8, clause 1 of the Federal Constitution—Duties, Imports, and Excises refers to commercial. What's supposed to happen and how the Government is supposed to work is that he companies should be taxed, and they in turn will tax merchandise. People will pay the taxes by buying the merchandise. Property taxes mean we don't ever own our homes because the government is just increasing as it wants. People have a set income when they retire, and they don't own their home. These costs that are unlimited-double, tripled, 400% increases in taxes. The Council gave themselves raises.

Walmart, McDonald's didn't get increases in their taxes. The Council is passing it all off to the public. People have been dumbed down so they don't even realize why the American Revolution was fought. The people put these provisions in place so this kind of behavior would not happen, so the government not overtax the public, and ask for more and then have a recession. The government is supposed to tax the corporations not the people. Property tax is supposed to apply to corporate property not personal property. It's based on supply and demand; not so the Council can raise their incomes or people can do whatever they want. The public fought the American Revolution to prevent big government. Find other activities that are free. This is not sustainable. The Council is supposed to listen to its constituents. If people aren't willing to pay for these services then they should find a hike down the street and hike or shovel the snow instead of going to the gym. The Council is going to pass this anyway because it doesn't listen to the people, and that's what's so sad. The Council is elected. They are supposed to listen to their constituents, but that not happening at county council or at the districts. People asking for more during a recession, she can't fathom where anyone can stand up and ask the people that have just experienced all these tax increases and expenses for more. The Council and the District are going to ignore everyone who spoke and do it any way. Not okay.

Chris Katzenberger (7:12 P.M.) is a 20 year resident of Park City and was in leadership 25 with a couple of the board members. She can't afford a Basin Recreation membership. The Council has to make decisions about what it can afford. She's going to use her mountain bike and hike and run. It is hard to get staff up here. She's worked in recreation and hospitality. She's been able to live here. She doesn't want to have to move away. People can't even move away because everything around is expensive. She attended the Weber Basin Water District tax increase session, and they just passed that thing. During a recession rethink, stay within your budget, and suck it up. It's a bad time for all of us.

Jeffrey Loudon (7:13 P.M.) is a 25 year resident who lives in Hidden Cove. He thanked everyone for their work. He thanked Basin Recreation. He uses it every week. Moderation might be a good word right now. He asked the Council and the District to reduced what they want. He had to because he is retired.

Daniela Dowie (7:15 P.M.) doesn't think the Recreation District needs the goats. Locals can pull the weeds. She works two jobs. Her taxes went from \$3000 to \$9000. She's like many single moms and dads. These increases force 30 year locals to move somewhere else; they don't know where they are going to go. The Council and District have the power to change it. They can cut their budgets like all the other corporations. They are new. She's not new. It's very hard for people who have been here a long time. Control the budgets.

Rebecca Benoit (7:16 P.M.) on Zoom, is a 35 year resident who is retired and on a fixed income. Her property taxes doubled this year. Everyone has to live within a budget. The County can't keep asking the public to foot the bill on this. Recreation is nice, and she enjoys the trails. Like everyone else, she's made adjustments. She asked them to significantly reduce the increase or freeze their budget so they live within their means.

Gary Peacock (7:18 P.M.) added that the goats tore down his fence and ate his landscaping. He referenced Maslow's hierarchy of needs and stated that recreation falls

low on that hierarchy and on anyone's budget if they have to pay for all these other things.

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing. (7:19 P.M.)

Council Members, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Conolly answered the questions posed by the speakers.

Council Member Wright moved to approve Resolution SBSRD 2022-30, a Budget Resolution approving a Property Tax Rate Increase in Excess of the 2022 Certified Tax Rate. Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (7:47 P.M.)

There were audience interruptions and response to those interruptions.

Public hearing and adoption of Resolution SBSRD 2022-31, a Budget Resolution of the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District 2022 Budget Amendments; Dana Jones

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (7:48 P.M.)

Renee Miller (7:49 P.M.) state that it's just amazing that Council said people aren't present today, but it's funny what the Council just did. The Council disregarded the people who did come when they have other places they could be on December 14 and what they said, and went ahead and approved it anyways. She stated that the people present recognize that no matter how many come to the meeting the Council will do what they are going to do with their money. She asked why they don't just pay one person to not listen to the people who came to speak. If the Council Members ran their households like this and just exceeded their budget every year, how that works out for them. She stated they stand up there and are condescending and yell out the names, and do what they want. They say there are only 20 people here but there are 30-40 people present. Let's do a count. The Council doesn't listen. Those present took a December 14th date away from family. Her kids are home from college. She could be having a nice dinner right now. She shouldn't have come. It doesn't matter the Council doesn't listen. They're doing it across this system. They're doing it at the school district right now introducing the most horrific things to dumb down the children. The Council doesn't listen. The Council is doing this to its neighbors. It makes her sad for the Council. Nobody got a raise of 19-20% last year. No thank you. The Council is not serving the people. She does not consent.

Gary Peacock (7:52 P.M.) stated that the Council made a very good point. 15 people showed up to make their point. It was 100% against, but that doesn't mean the rest of the community agrees with that. Not very many people showed up to protest. It is not Council's responsibility to listen to the 15 people. If 15 people can influence policy on this just by being here, that's not the way to operate the County. At some point this has to stop. He doesn't think the Council Members are criminals. He doesn't think this represents the will of the people.

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing (7:45 P.M.)

Council Member Stevens moved to approve Resolution SBSRD 2022-31, a Budget Resolution of the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District 2022 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Council Member Wright. All voted in favor, 4-0. (7:54 P.M.)

Public hearing and possible adoption of Resolution SBSRD 2022-32, a Budget Resolution of the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District 2023 Budget; Dana Jones

Council Chair Robinson opened the public hearing. (7:55 P.M.)

Tom Davies stated he appreciates Council's public service and all the Council does. He doesn't understand the basic economics of how the county is run. It has rising costs every year, it has rising property values and rising taxes. He asked what is the logic behind allowing the revenue neutral rule. If the County adequately assessed the values of the property they could pave the streets in gold.

Mitch Bedke (7:57 P.M.) asked the Council to whittle down that number. The residents are feeling the pinch. It's a nominal amount to some but not to others.

Chris Katzenberger (7:58 P.M.) the Weber Basin Water meeting was the same way this year. Not many people show up. The few that speak don't seem to make a difference. It just kind of gets approved with no more discussion. If you go behind closed doors and talked about it one more time, the public might feel better about it. She knows the Council can't go behind closed doors. But a big increase now is hard to swallow for everyone who has been here for a while. She asked Council to just try to trim it down a little bit.

Council Chair Robinson closed the public hearing (7:59 P.M.)

Council Chair Robinson tried to explain the concept by revenue neutral tax rates. Ms. Jones and Ms. Connolly explained the budgeting measures taken prior to asking for the tax increase and that the increase was reduced as much as possible. Council Member Stevens explained how the expenses and revenues of public services are different than the corporate world. Council Member Wright explained that the set revenue requirement is good for people because it forces the Council to acknowledge increases in expenses rather than just benefit from inflation in property values.

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve Resolution SBSRD 2022-32, a Budget Resolution of the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District 2023 Budget. Council Member Wright seconded the Motion. All voted in favor, 4-0. (8:09 P.M.)

Council Member Armstrong moved to adjourn; Council Member Stevens seconded the Motion; all voted in favor, (4-0). (8:10 P.M.)

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Chris Robinson, *Chair*

Eve Furse, *Clerk*