

## **GUNNISON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL  
201 W. VIRGINIA AVENUE IN GUNNISON

**TUESDAY,  
JULY 21, 2015**

**WORK SESSION**

**7:00 P.M.**

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| 7:00 – 7:20 P.M. | A. 2015 Gunnison River Festival Update – Frank Kugel and Joellen Fonken                                   |
| 7:20 – 7:40 P.M. | B. Senior Transportation Update – Kelsey VanderVeen, Interim Manager Gunnison County Senior Services      |
| 7:40 – 7:50 P.M. | C. City Time of Use Rate Draft Ordinance – Electric Superintendent Will Dowis                             |
| 7:50 – 8:00 P.M. | D. Gunnison Municipal Code Amendment Re: Unpaid Utility Charges Lien Process – Finance Director Ben Cowan |
| 8:00 – 8:30 P.M. | E. City Strategic Planning Goals Initial Follow-up and Review – Council and Staff                         |
| 8:30 – 8:45 P.M. | F. Councilor and Staff Reports; Items for Future Meetings   |

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TO COMPLY WITH ADA REGULATIONS, PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 641-8140 AT LEAST 24 HRS. BEFORE THE MEETING.



## 2015 Paid Participants

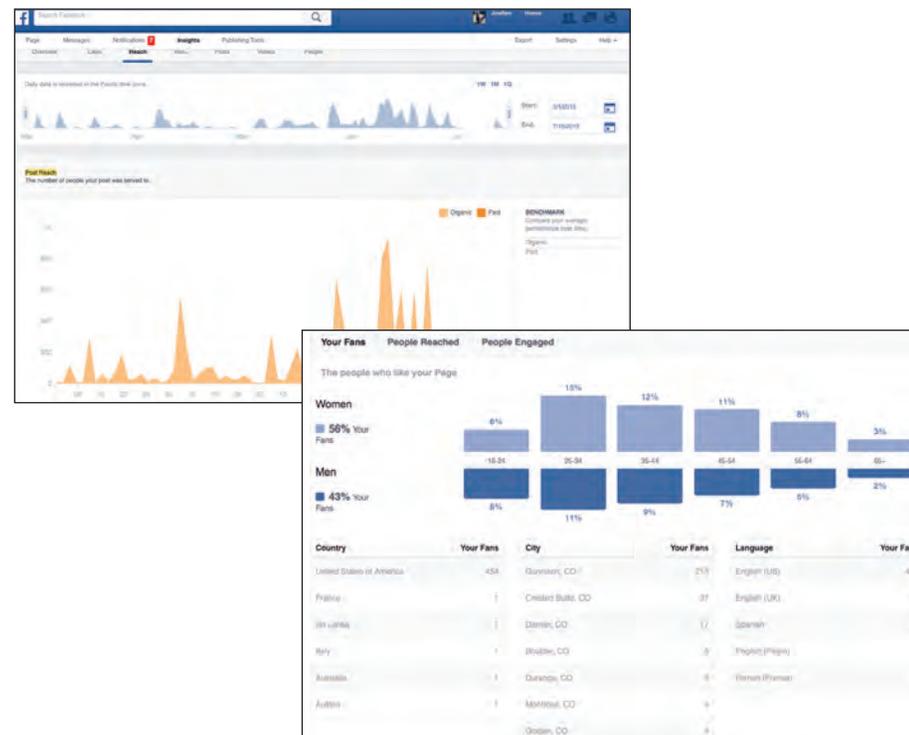
Freestyle Kayak Comp	13 of which 10 were from out of town
Bridge to Bridge Flyfishing tourney	6 all in town
Downriver Kayak Race	14 of which 12 were from out of town
Downriver Raft Race	28 of which 4 were from out of town
Canine Big Air Contest	4 all in town
Stand Up Surf Comp	9 with 6 from out of town
Oh Be Joyful Comp	37 competitors 28 from out of town
Raft Rodeo	14 Competitors, all in town
<b>Total</b>	<b>125 competitors, 60 from out of town</b>

## Spectator Participation

	62 Jonathan Watermen talk
	200 for Friday Night Fish Fry
	25 for Taylor Downriver Race
	50 for Film Fest
	300 for OBJ
	300 for River Festival in the Park
<b>Total</b>	<b>937 (out of town visitor correlating with participant number)</b>

[128 individuals rode their bikes to the whitewater park on June 25](#)

Social Media friends and followers audience continues to grow, and therefore reach throughout our 2015 season.



**"Celebrating Our Rivers" for 13 years through Festival - Education - Partnerships**



**GUNNISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear City Council Members,

As a result of the increased funding to the Gunnison County Senior Transportation Program by the City of Gunnison, we have been able to expand the services offered to our community members. As requested by City Council, this report details expansion made to the program to date, thanks to the City's generous donation.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015:**

Senior Transportation was expanded to be offered **4 days** per week; **added Tuesdays** for medical appointments (previously offered only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule)

**March, 2015:**

**Expanded service to five days per week**, Monday through Friday to better serve our community members; Tuesday **medical appointment only restriction lifted**. A ride can now be requested for any errand, any day of the week.

**New easy to read brochures were designed, printed and distributed to local agencies in close contact with the target demographic** in order to make the new schedule and scope of services available to community members known.

**Vehicle stickers** have been purchased to be applied to the busses, **detailing hours of operation** and a contact phone number. The driver of the van reports that during stops, interested parties have approached him asking about details surrounding availability of the transportation service.

Our continued collaboration with GVH Senior Care Center and financial support from the Gunnison Valley RTA are also key factors of the Senior Transportation Program's success. The month of June showed an encouraging **increase in ridership**, at 621 units (units equal total number of pick-ups and drop-offs) for the month. This brings the average number of units over the 6 month expansion period to 382 units per month. In comparison, over the preceding 3 years the average units per month have been 289, showing **an increase of use by about 25 percent**.

The support of the Senior Transportation Program by the City Of Gunnison is genuinely appreciated. Thank you for assisting in the expansion of our program, allowing us to meet the growing needs of our senior community members.

Warmest regards,

*Kelsey Vander Veen*

Kelsey Vander Veen  
Interim Manager  
Economic Security, Eligibility, Adult, and Senior Resources

## SERVICE FACTS

- To be eligible for Senior Transportation you must be 60+
- We will pick you up for the Young at Heart Senior Lunch program, programs at Boomers & Beyond, medical appointments, errands, grocery trips, shopping, food pantry, or beauty shop.
- Please schedule your medical appointments between the hours of **10 AM and 3 PM** to help us serve you better. Call us as soon as you know your appointment date and time.
- Senior Transportation is a community grant based program and is not a taxi service. We depend on the cooperation of our riders to serve as many people as possible. This means that you may ride a little longer or get to your appointment a little earlier to help accommodate other riders. We strive for shared rides.

**Financial support for this program provided by:**  
**Region 10 Area Agency on Aging, Gunnison County, the town of Crested Butte, RTA, City of Gunnison, & Gunnison Valley Health**



GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH



Amalgamating Resources for Stronger Communities



## RIDER RULES

- Service Donations are gratefully accepted and acknowledged.
- Rides must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Please be ready 15 minutes before your scheduled pick up time.
- Requests for rides cannot be taken on weekends or holidays, so Monday rides must be scheduled the week before.
- When scheduling a round-trip, let Senior Transportation know how long you expect to be at your stop; this will allow us to plan your pick-up for ease of everyone's travel.
- An individual trip is considered complete when you are dropped off. If you have scheduled a round trip, you will have made two trips. All stops must be scheduled a day in advance.
- Drivers cannot change the schedule.
- If you must cancel a ride, you must call at least 2 hours before your scheduled pick up time. Riders that are canceled less than two hours in advance will be considered a no-show; 3 no-shows within 30 days may result in temporary suspension of your service.

## GOALS AND SUPPORT

Senior Transportation helps people remain independent and promotes a high quality of life and productivity in the community we serve. Funding is provided by: Users and donations from people like you!

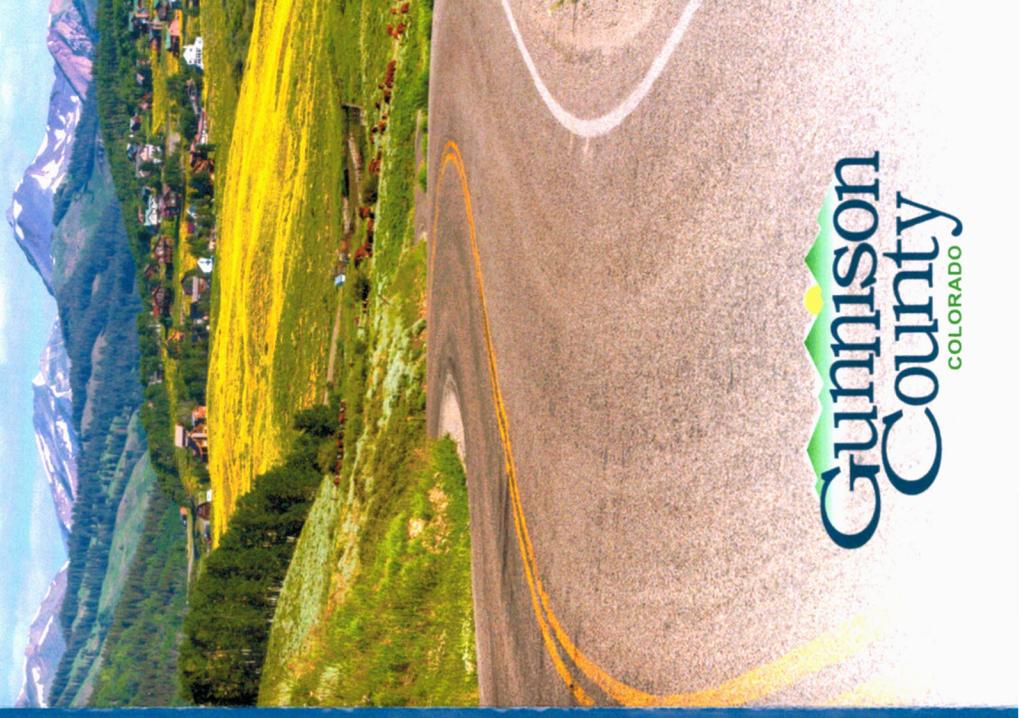
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# SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Serving Gunnison

Monday - Friday  
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Serving Crested Butte by Request



## WHAT IS THE COST?

SENIORS 60+

Recommended donation posted on all vehicles:

**\$2.00 per one-way ride (\$4.00 Round-trip)**

## HOW TO GET A RIDE

- Call Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to schedule a ride.

No one will be disqualified for an inability or unwillingness to make a donation.

- You must schedule all rides at least 24 hours in advance, but the more advance notice you give us, the better service we can provide.
- Service is provided 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday - Friday as space and time permit.

## OTHER LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

RTA Bus Service: The Gunnison Valley RTA provides deviated fixed route service in the City of Gunnison for passengers who wish to go between the north and south ends of the valley.

The RTA buses will deviate from the bus route within the City of Gunnison, up to three-quarters (3/4ths) of a mile to pick up and drop off ADA eligible passengers who are unable to physically access a bus stop in Gunnison. Requests must be received by at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. For more details about this service and for the bus schedule, please visit [www.GunnisonValleyRTA.org](http://www.GunnisonValleyRTA.org).

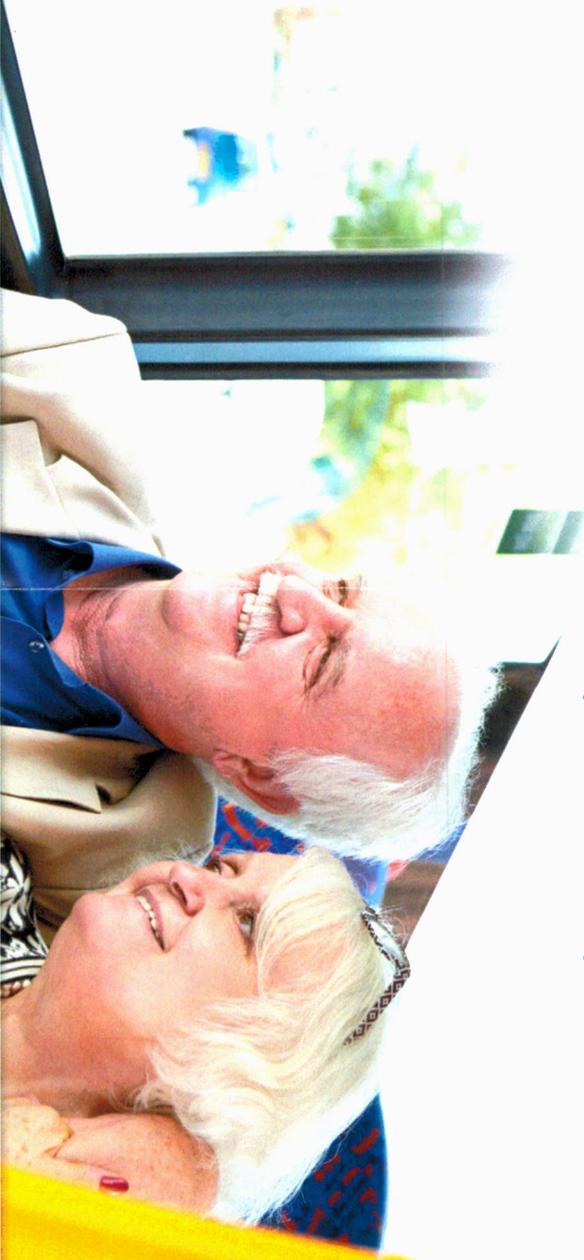
Alpine Express Transportation Service  
970-641-5074 [www.alpineexpresshuttle.com](http://www.alpineexpresshuttle.com)

RIDES WITHIN GUNNISON CITY LIMITS:

PLEASE CALL 970.596.6700

RIDES FOR CRESTED BUTTE RESIDENTS:

PLEASE CALL 970.275.4768



GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH

## MEMO

To: City Council

Date: July 14, 2015

From: Will Dowis/ Electric Supt.

Re: Time of Day Rate Policy

The City electric department has had a Time of Day Rate policy in place since 1998 that allows for city residential electric customers to voluntarily participate in a Time of Day Rate should they so choose. Out of approximately 4,200 total electric meters there are currently 15 residential customers utilizing the Time of Day Rate and no commercial customers. City staff is proposing to amend the current policy to allow city commercial customers to voluntarily participate in this program if they so choose at the same published rate as the residential customers. Staff also recommends that any new residential or commercial customers that choose to participate in the program must do so for a twelve month period before changing back to the standard electric rates. The additional cost of meters, meter reading, billing, and the possibility of switching back and forth seasonally which would negate any savings the city may see in our purchased power billings in regards to demand charges and is the reason we can offer the lower off peak rate without other customers subsidizing Time of Day customers.

The following is a short explanation as to why a customer may want to participate in the Time of Day Rate Program as it is not for everyone. For those choosing to participate there is potential for cost savings although not necessarily savings in overall kWh used. It requires shifting electric power usage patterns to use more power during off peak times (From 10 Am to 5Pm and from 9PM to 5AM) and using less during on peak times (6 AM to 10 Am and from 5Pm to 9 PM). This does not work for everyone since it would cost more for those who do not shift to the usage patterns above.

The reason the city can offer this as a voluntary program is that should customers shift part of their load from on peak times to off peak times it reduces the city's demand therefore the cost the city pays for demand charges from our power suppliers. What if many customers chose to participate in the Time of use Program and reversed the city's on peak and off peak times? We would have to evaluate and adjust on peak and off peak times accordingly. This is unlikely due to our city load factors although some utilities with many large commercial and large irrigators found themselves in that predicament some years back.

Staff recommends council approval to adopt the attached Ordinance in Regards to the amending the City Time of Day rate Policy with the following schedule:

July 28, 2015	First reading of the Ordinance
September 8, 2015	Public Hearing
September 8, 2015	Second Reading of the Ordinance

City Clerk Gail Davidson will answer any questions regarding the above schedule and notification requirements which will be published and included in Utility billings.

**DRAFT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8  
SERIES 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,  
COLORADO AMENDING AN OPTIONAL RESIDENTIAL TIME-OF-DAY  
ELECTRICAL RATE FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON ELECTRICAL  
DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City operates an electric utility which provides service to residents and commercial properties of the City and to customers in adjoining areas certificated to the City by the Public Utilities Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City does not own generation resources, but instead purchases its wholesale power requirements from the Western Area Power Administration and the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, retail time-of-day rates under which the price of power varies, depending upon the time of its use by City customers, can assist the City in managing its wholesale purchases in a cost-effective manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has developed a residential time-of-day rate tariff which will be available to residential customers, both within and outside the municipal limits, upon request of the customer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to extend the time-of-day rate option to commercial properties, both within and outside the municipal limits, upon request of the commercial customer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gunnison hereby adopts and authorizes the City of Gunnison Electric Department to offer a commercial time-of-day rate schedule in addition to the current residential option.

Section 2. Until amended by further action of Council after proper notice, the time-of-day rate schedule currently applicable to residential customers shall be applied to commercial properties.

Section 2. The time-of-day rate tariff sheet shall be duly executed and included within the City of Gunnison tariffs, and as such, shall be held open for public inspection.

Section 3. The Residential or Commercial customer voluntarily signing up for the Time-Of-Day Rate must agree to participate for a period of twelve months before voluntarily returning to the standard published electric rates.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Richard Hagan, Mayor

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

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Gail Davidson, City Clerk



## Memorandum

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Ben Cowan  
**Date:** 6/30/2015  
**Re:** Lien on Premises – Delinquent Utility Customer

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Currently, approximately 12-15 delinquent utility accounts at approximately \$200 each are sent to collections each month. Accounts not collected within 1 year are then written off to bad debt. Last year, \$23,141.97 was written off, for a total of 76% of all delinquent accounts.

The City Code currently includes the ability to record a lien after a 10-day notice of delinquency, and then foreclose the lien through the judicial process. The City can obtain a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sell the property at Sheriff's sale. The City gets paid by the buyer or receives ownership of the property and can then sell it. In a typical lien foreclosure proceeding, costs and fees of the collection process are added to the amount owed.

City staff contends this process is time consuming administratively, increases the cost of fees to be collected from the customer, and is rather harsh since the sale of the customer's property is both swift and final. Therefore, Ken Coleman, Kathy Fogo and I began exploring the tax lien option since it is less aggressive than the current sheriff's sale and preserves the City's ability to collect delinquent amounts. The process works as follows:



Since an investor pays the taxes at auction, the customer must repay that investor plus interest within three years or the investor may apply for a Treasurer's Deed to obtain ownership of the property. The City does not incur any fees whatsoever to initiate this process. This process is quite standard across the State of Colorado and it currently is used by Gunnison County and the Town of Crested Butte. Our intent is to use the lien process only as secondary to the collection actions we undertake, including working with the State of Colorado to collect delinquent accounts.

The attached proposed ordinance for Council review would allow the City to file tax liens and make the language consistent across all utility types including electric, sewer, water, and refuse.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**SERIES 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 12 UTILITIES, CHAPTER 12.40 UTILITY SERVICE RATES AND FEES, RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 12.40.030 RULES AND REGULATIONS, H. LIEN ON PREMISES AND CHAPTER 12.60 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SYSTEM, SECTION 12.60.120 PAYMENT OF CHARGES – WHEN DUE – DELINQUENCIES - LIEN**

WHEREAS, Chapter 12.40 of Title 12 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Code (GMC) provides that all delinquent water, sewer and refuse charges shall become a lien upon the premises to which the services are delivered from the date charges become due and until paid; and

WHEREAS, If the delinquent charges are not paid, the City may enforce the liability or lien by court action, which may involve obtaining a judgment against the owner of the premises and the premises, and subsequently foreclosing on the premises; and

WHEREAS, obtaining a judgment and decree of foreclosure can be an expensive and time consuming process for the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.60.120 of Chapter 12.60 Garbage Collection and Recycling System of the GMC provides for certification of the delinquent charges to the county treasurer, which are collected and paid over by the county treasurer in the same manner as taxes are authorized to be collected and paid over by the county treasurer; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the county treasurer process to collect delinquent accounts is efficient both in time and cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending Section 12.40.030 H. to allow for the county treasurer to collect and pay over delinquent accounts; and

WHEREAS, staff also recommends adding electric service to the list of utility services for which a lien attaches as it appears to be inadvertently missing; and

WHEREAS, staff also recommends deleting Section 12.60.120 Payment of Charges – When due – Delinquencies – Lien, under Chapter 12.60 Garbage Collection and Recycling System, to avoid duplication and inconsistencies within the GMC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. Title 12 Utilities, Chapter 12.40 Utility Service Rates and Fees, Rules and Regulations, Section 12.40.030 Rules and Regulations, H. Lien On Premises, is hereby amended to read as follows:

H. Lien on Premises – Owner Liable. All delinquent water, sewer, refuse and electric charges shall become a lien upon the premises to which these services are delivered from the date same becomes due and until paid. The owner of the lot or building shall be liable for payment of all these charges levied against the property for these services used or taken upon the property and if delinquent charges are not paid within 30 days of the date of billing, the lien may be made effective by the city certifying the amount of the charges and the period covered by the charges and giving a legal description of the premises to the county treasurer, to be collected and paid over by the county treasurer in the same manner as taxes are authorized to be collected and paid over by the county treasurer. The City may add to the amount due the late payment penalty, and costs incurred by the City in attempting to collect the amount due, including attorney’s fees.

An occupant or tenant’s obligation to pay for these services under any occupancy or rental agreement shall not relieve the owner from such liability or lien when these service bills become delinquent.

No change of ownership or occupancy shall affect the application of this subsection and failure of any owner to learn that he purchased property against which a lien for these services exists shall in no way affect his liability for payment in full.

The lien under this Section shall be prior to any and all other liens and encumbrances filed subsequent to the certifying of the lien to the county treasurer, but shall be subject to all general taxes and all local improvement assessments, whether levied prior or subsequent thereto.

Section 2. Title 12 Utilities, Chapter 12.60 Garbage Collection and Recycling System, Section 12.60.120 Payment of Charges – When due – Delinquencies – Lien, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance be ruled invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, it is hereby declared the intent of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, that the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall be given full force and effect if it is possible to do so.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Richard Hagan, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Gail Davidson, City Clerk

# Memorandum



**To:** City Council  
**From:** Ken Coleman  
**Date:** July 16, 2015  
**Re:** Strategic Plan review

The July 7, 2015 Council work session was wholly dedicated to the initial part of a strategic planning process to determine the priorities of the City of Gunnison. The process was facilitated by Elyse Ackerman, Department of Local Affairs Northwestern Regional Manager.

The general structure of the discussion covered

- Overview of Workshop & Anticipated Outcomes
- Existing City Mission/Vision/Identity
- Current City Services
- Discussion: What should City be working towards?
- Priorities (Dot Exercise)

Next steps will include another facilitated discussion with Elyse on August 4, 2015 to further refine the priorities for our community. Staff will use this list to help develop the 2016 budget and associated work plans.

The purpose of this intermittent step is to make sure the attached list accurately reflects the thoughts discussed on July 7<sup>th</sup>. This list is verbatim from the flip charts used during the initial exercise. In the end, the value of prioritizing future actions allows clear direction for our staff and provides an evaluative platform for assessing new issues when they arise.





	Summer Youth Employee Workers/Training-Lake City					1		
	Identify & Communicate Job Oppurtunity & Training							
	What is City's Role in Economic Development Disscussion		1					
	Prepare for Needs/Demands of an Aging Population					1		
<b>7)</b>	Support Multi Cultural Office							
	Define City's Role in Transportation Housing							
	Integrate Arts into Planning Process		1					
	Rebuild IOOF Park		2			1		
	Identify Areas for Downtown Parking							
	Maintain Existing Services & Facilities		4			7		
<b>8)</b>	Highway Corridor					3		
	Converstion About Growth-Jobs VS People							
	Confirm City's Role in Private/Public Partnerships i.e. URA's, TIFFS, PIF					2		
	Economic Development Partnerships River Corridor - Acquistions Tracts Savings Account							
	Sage Grouse Conservation Plan							
	Planning for Future Utilities /Annexation							
<b>9)</b>	Develop Joint City/County Economic Strategy- Identify & Target Industries		1					
	What is City's Role on Stratigic Planning							

