

## January 2022

**December 23-January 2**  
City Offices Closed

**31 New Year's Eve**

**1 New Year's Day**

**3 Mayor & Council Member  
Swearing In Ceremony**  
12 p.m.

**11 City Council Meeting**  
at 6 p.m.

**13 Planning Commission  
Meeting 6 p.m.**

**17 Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day**  
(City Offices Closed)

**25 City Council Meeting**  
6 p.m.

**27 Planning Commission  
Meeting**  
6 p.m.

# Happy New Year



**C**ongratulations to our newly elected Council Members Jason Taylor and Luke Wojciechowski!

During his many years living in Moab, Jason has been a part of several organizations and served on numerous boards including the Airport Board, Grand County Medical Special Service District Board, Moab Motorized Trails Committee, and Moab Area Travel Council. He is eager to work toward Council decisions that prioritize Moab residents and ensure that we have a dynamic community with a balanced economy.

Luke has worked at Seekhaven as the Deputy Executive Director, assisting with rental and financial stability programs, and is currently the Grant Finance Manager at Moab Regional Hospital's Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Luke is ready to get to work as a Council Member and listen to and support community members and organizations.

The incoming Council Members and Mayor-Elect have been prepping for their positions by touring city facilities, meeting with staff, and getting to know about projects going on in the City. They are looking forward to serving the needs of the City and community of Moab.

New members will be sworn into office at noon on Monday, Jan. 3. The first City Council Meeting with our new Mayor and Council Members will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

2022 City Council Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be run by and attended by newly elected Mayor Joette Langianese, and Council Members Tawny Knuteson-Boyd, Rani Derasary, Kalen Jones, Jason Taylor, and Luke Wojciechowski. Citizens To Be Heard can comment in person or fill out the form online in the current meeting's agenda. You can watch the meetings live on our YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/MoabCityGovernment](https://youtube.com/MoabCityGovernment).

**MASK POLICY:** When Grand County is in High Transmission for COVID-19 masks are required to be worn when in City facilities and attending Council Meetings. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our community safe and healthy.

## Happy New Year!

Goodbye, 2021! I, for one, am glad to put another year of public health uncertainty and chaos behind me.

Looking back at the last eight months, the Sustainability Department has accomplished a lot. We wrote our next 5-year Water Conservation Plan, which was adopted on Dec. 14, 2021, and I was elected as the newest member of the Utah Water Conservation Forum Board of Directors because of it. We were awarded a \$25,000 technical assistance grant from the WaterNow Alliance with whom we're working to develop robust new water-wise landscaping rules for new development and a detailed guide for current residents. We got our solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations repaired and running again, increasing City solar production by 30%. We also hosted a wonderful Climate Week, reaching over 1,000 people in collaboration with USU Extension and Utah Climate Action Network – you can still visit the beaver at the MARC with his river of climate-commitment rocks! We also kicked off the Sustainability Action Plan process, convening Technical Advisory Groups and moving forward on a new draft plan. Lastly, we picked up work on the International Dark Sky Community application and look forward to receiving the official designation soon. Finally, I've maintained monthly columns here and in the Happenings. Tell me if you have topics you'd like to see addressed!

There is much to look forward to in 2022! I'm so excited to get this year going. On Jan. 18, I'll be welcoming our new AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, Richard Lory, who will be helping implement the Dark Skies, water conservation, and educational initiatives in 2022, as well as supporting the department in greenhouse gas inventory reporting and getting the Sustainability Plan adopted. We'll kick off the year with a City-wide Dark Sky lighting compliance inventory, and a City Council/Planning Commission Water Conservation Workshop to discuss implementation of the Water Conservation Plan, new landscaping regulations, and integration of green infrastructure into City streets. After that, the Community Visioning process begins. Sustainability will be an integral part, and we aim to have a Sustainability Plan and subject-area Action Plans adopted by fall.

Other measures in the works for 2022 include streetlight conversion to Dark Skies compliant LED lights, continuing participation in the Community Renewable Energy Agency, moving towards 100% renewable energy by 2030, creating public art collaborations with the MARC, serving on the board of directors for the Utah Water Conservation Forum (a state-led initiative), helping residents become compliant with Dark Skies code, and continuing work on City Hall sustainability in energy conservation, water conservation, active transportation, and landscaping. We will also be working closely with the City Parks, Recreation and Trails Department to increase care for and planting of trees, and the potential development of a new small public park – stay tuned for details in 2022!

Please get in touch with any ideas, questions, or comments – my door is always open!

*–Mila Dunbar-Irwin  
Sustainability Director*

Special thanks to our City Parks and Public Works teams for hanging lights all around town for us to enjoy in December. The beautiful lights helped get Moab in the Holiday spirit, we appreciate all of their hard work!

City Hall will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 for the Holidays. If you are calling with questions or in need of services, please be sure to leave a message so that someone can get back to you and provide assistance. The Treasurer's Office will be open on Monday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Treasurer's Office will be taking calls and returning phone messages if you have immediate questions or concerns, or need to pay a bill.