

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF HUERFANO  
CITY OF WALSENBURG  
City Council Regular Session Meeting  
December 21st, 2010 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Quintana called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present were: Rick Jennings, Silvana Lind, Gary Sporcich, Nick Vigil, Erin Jerant, Craig Lessar and James Moore. David Mockmore was not in attendance because he was ill. Others in attendance were City Administrator Don Saling, Assistant Administrator Beth Neece, Finance Director Dave Johnston, City Attorney Dan Hyatt and City Clerk Wanda Britt.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item number (a) and (b) under Unfinished Business removed from current agenda for consideration at the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting. Council member Erin Jerant moved to approve agenda with changes, seconded by Council member Nick Vigil. Passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR**

Mayor Quintana would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and to thank Council for all their efforts and hard work.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Council members Lind and Moore recommended changes. Council member Jerant moved to approve 12/07/10 minutes with changes, seconded by Council member Vigil. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee Report** given by Mayor Pro-tem Lessar. They met with Mr. McFadden about the changes in gas rate increase, gave committee a packet of information passed onto Administrator Saling to look into. Discussed CCA sewer payment, gave direction to staff to work out some kind of payment plan. Reviewed Northlands boundaries and Gateway signage plan and was briefed on the Huerfano County tourism council, about possibly paying for half of sign. Discussed the Police Department salaries, and all city employees, to make sure they are all within the wage study.

**Park and Recreation Committee Report** not given at this time chairperson Mockmore not available.

**CITIZEN FORUM**

No persons signed in

**REPORTS**

**Administrative Report** given by Administrator Saling. Reported on Seifert Enterprises, LLC, change order #4 for new drain estimate of \$10,136.00, for the Martin Valve project,

Council member Erin Jerant moved to accept, seconded by Council member Nick Vigil. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

Administrator Don Saling will go by house at 412 Stout, to look at the weed and garbage surrounding yard, will then write the home owner letter. Reported on CDOT allowing the grocery store to open with the City completing road project, work should be done by spring, the new store First Choice to be opened by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Grocery store owners have had their building attached sign approved by the City. Council person Jerant wants to know about Title 32 Article 1 letter they have in their packet if it is active.

Administrator Don Saling states to Council that it is an inactive status of the Walsenburg Gateway Metropolitan District. Administrator Don Saling advised Council that the Walsenburg Care Center is looking to relocate west of the Hospital on 17 acres. John Galusha, Huerfano County Administrator is asking for a commitment letter from the City for water service. Council person Jerant states they will have to buy a tap into the City Water and Sewer systems. Administrator Saling will get additional information and bring it back to the Council. Administrator Don Saling addressed the proposed increase of the gas rates and wanted direction from City Council regarding a Public hearing for a rate increase. Council member Jerant moves to give direction for a Public hearing for the gas increase, seconded by Council member Vigil. Motion passed on a roll call vote 5-3, with Council members Jennings, Sporcich and Lessar voting no.

**Chief Report-**Lieutenant Liebchen gave report. Lieutenant Liebchen stated they had a charity basketball game held on Sunday with the local police officers against the local coaches. Coaches won the game. They have planned flag football in the spring. The officers are very happy with the design of the new store, it does light up the whole area, is very pleasing to the community. Stated they are taking all the reports of bad checks written by Greg Mitchell, whether the incident happened in the county or city, the police department will set it all for prosecution under one file. Surveillance camera at Acorn gas station helped catch a credit card thief. Lieutenant Liebchen stated “goes to show how a community can work together to solve crimes”. Elder abuse was reported from the Walsenburg Care Center, he mentions this only to let the public know it was investigated with nothing found. The chief would like everyone to know that he is putting together protocol for tow service standards, for everyone in our city that owns a service that wants to be put on the rotation list must meet a standard protocol for a towing service.

**Treasurer Report-** Jacque Sikes gave report, from worksheet in binders. Council member Jerant asked why account is down from October report, Treasurer Sikes refers her to the section of the Waste Water treatment plant monies that were used. Mayor Pro-tem Lessar moved to approve Treasurer Report, seconded by Council member Vigil. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

Council members reviewed reports on Agenda D-H. Mayor Pro-tem Lessar moved to accept reports on Agenda D-H, seconded by Council member Jennings. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Letter of intent for John Carlson, Planning and Zoning,** Council member Jennings recommends that Mr. Carlson be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. . Council member Jerant moved to re-appoint, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Lessar. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

**.38 Special, Liquor License Renewal-** Council member Vigil moved to renew license,

seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Lessar. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

**Crown Lanes, Liquor License Renewal**-Council member Jennings moved to renew license, seconded by Council member Sporcich. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0.

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY MAYOR QUINTANA**- He would like the public to know he has been in consult with the Housing Authority Board. We have come to a resolute as to what seats are available and in agreement to post the meetings and let public know when they are going on educational trips. Mayor Quintana at this time would like to appoint 2 new members to the Housing Authority; they are Maria Uridiales and Jacque Sikes. Council member Jerant states that there is only one opening and doesn't want to get into it with the Mayor at this time. Council member Jerant would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Council member Lind would like to take this opportunity to invite the public to volunteer for the Youth Advisory board and would like to send a notice out in the utility bills for volunteers. Council member Jennings would like to thank the Administration and all the employees for all of their hard work and trying to turn this City around, also Mr. Saling and Mr. Hyatt for all of their work they have done for the City. Mayor Pro-tem Lessar would like to thank the Citizens of Walsenburg.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Council member Vigil and seconded by Council member Sporcich to go into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a). Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mayor Quintana stated "The time is now 7:31 and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Council members Rick Jennings, Silvana Lind, Gary Sporcich, Nick Vigil, Erin Jerant, Craig Lessar, James Moore and Mayor Quintana. Also in attendance were City Attorney Dan Hyatt, Administrator Don Saling, and Assistant City Administrator Beth Neece. For the record, if any person who participated in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state you concerns for the record. Seeing none, we are now in open session.

**Adjournment**

With no further items on the agenda, the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

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Bruce A. Quintana,  
Mayor

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Wanda A. Britt  
City Clerk

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