

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
City Council Regular Session Meeting
October 5th, 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, Nick Vigil, David Mockmore, Erin Jerant, Craig Lessar and James Moore. Others in attendance were Interim City Administrator Don Saling, Assistant Administrator Beth Neece, City Attorney Dan Hyatt, and City Clerk Wanda Britt.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda accepted with a motion by Council person Mockmore, seconded by Council person Vigil. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Quintana apologizes for tardiness they were at a previous meeting and running a little late.

Approval of Minutes

Counsel to postpone approval of minutes until corrections are made on minutes for 09/15/10 and 09/21/10 on advice of City Attorney Hyatt. A motion to postpone Approval of Minutes until next Council Meeting by Council person Jerant, seconded by Council person Lessar. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

Committee Report

Finance-Council person Lessar gave report on Finance Committee told Council a Special Meeting for Approval of Budget would be set for 10/14/10 @ 5:30 pm.

Park and Recreation-Council person Mockmore states he has no report, because no final income for Water Park has been input into Casselle program, Council person Mockmore states we are going to make a profit, but not a huge profit.

Citizen forum

Charles and Alicia Bryant would like to confirm that they have approval to go forward with Phase I. Council person Vigil states they have already approved. Council person Lessar agrees that it has been approved. Mr. Bryant states that check has been deposited into the City Account for Parks and Recreation, City Administrator Don Saling asks Mr. Bryant if he anticipates the work to be done in this year, with a reply from Mr. Bryant that yes with a maximum of 90 days to have the pre cast manufactured. City Administrator Don Saling tells Council that they will need to amend the budget to reflect the income coming from Parks and Recreation expenditures. City Administrator will check policy on how to proceed with purchasing item and paying for it without having it on site. Alicia Bryant requests for a letter of support from City Council for further grants, Council person Lessar asks that anytime they apply for a grant that City Council be made aware of it, a motion for approval of letter by Council person Jerant, and seconded by Council person Vigil. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

Mayor Quintana wishes to make comment, wishes that they would wait for more monies for the project, but wishes them the best of luck and the project is moving forward.

Roger Weiss would like Council to consider painting lines on Tennis Court for a Pickle Ball Court, ideally it would be perfect because it already has net and fenced in area. Since last meeting they have painted Pickle Ball Court down at Community Center, with $\frac{3}{4}$ lines and shows pictures to Council members of how it is not intrusive to Court. Council person Moore would like him to consider an alternate site by the Water Park and Skate Park. Mr. Weiss states it would be additional costs for nets and fencing. Council person Lessar asks Mr. Weiss of the costs, Mr. Weiss states that approximately \$150 for the net, and around \$300-\$500 for fencing to complete Court. Council person Jerant asks Mr. Vezzani if Parks and Recreation fund has any monies left, Mr. Vezzani states that funds are depleted, recommended he attend a Parks and Recreation meeting and put application in for funds for next quarter.

Brian Orr would like Council to sponsor The Parade of Lights, with the theme of Christmas around the World which is scheduled for November 26th, 2010. Council person Lessar ask what it would cost the City, Mr. Orr states this is his first year he is not sure that the City usually sponsors the parade, Mr. Patrick states there is no additional cost to the City it is all inclusive in the insurance package. Council person Lessar motions to sponsor The Parade of Lights, and seconded by Council person Vigil. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

Reports

Administrator report given by City Administrator Don Saling, he reports that Grocery Store is moving along that the City crews are doing a great job. Waste Water treatment plant contractor is ahead of schedule. Council person Vigil and Lessar ask how retaining wall is coming along, City Administrator Don Saling states that Contractor is waiting for City Crew to put in drainage pipe and with that in place will move forward. Colorado Dam Safety won't approve Dam, because of seepage, the engineer is to give a proposal of costs and I will let Council know by next meeting. Council person Lind asks if City will be liable for costs; City Administrator Don Saling states yes City will probably be liable for cost. City Administrator Don Saling would like to remind all Council members that CML dinner set for 10/18/10 @ 4pm RSVP required let Beth Neece know who is going.

Chief of Police report by Chief Chamberlain would like to report that Officer Hoegg is now the new Police Clerk. Council member Jerant asks if Officer Hoegg will keep up her Certification, Chief Chamberlain states that she will check with Sheriff's Office to see if she can be on Reserves to keep up her Certification, with that Chief Chamberlain states it opened up an officer position to be filled by Officer Ashby, who was on a GOCO grant program. Chief Chamberlain had a lateral transfer from the Sheriff's Office for a Sergeants position, but still has one vacant Officer position and 1 vacant Sergeant position, the Sergeant position we will be testing for within the next week. Has training class coming up given by the Huerfano County Sheriff's Office has 2 free slots available, Officer Petkoff and Chief Chamberlain will be attending. Chief Chamberlain had contact with Colorado State Patrol, when they are done with equipment they donate to deserving Police Stations across the State. Officer Petkoff is building and obstacle course, San Isabel donated telephone poles for course. Course will be used by all law enforcement

officers for training purposes. Chief Chamberlain went to CIRSA liability meeting last month they showed video of Municipal Facility Security of Buildings video; I have a copy of video for the City of Walsenburg and checklist. Chief Chamberlain will give copy to City Administrator Don Saling for review of approval for orientation for the City of Walsenburg. Mayor Quintana asks Chief Chamberlain if there is a policy for door checks within the city, Chief Chamberlain states in the past they once did them and would start to do them again.

Ranch Manager Report by Butch Corestino had good watering and first cut didn't make much money, but second cut made more money, we are just finishing up selling the second crop. Mr. Corsentino states that we will probably not have any storage water until next spring. Wants to ask Council about renting East pasture, Mayor Quintana states that wording changed and now State will allow City of Walsenburg to rent East pasture for the winter. Council member Jerant recommends that Mr. Corestino meet with Beth Neece to advertise for bids on pasture, and to put 30 day notice in it and per head basis.

Unfinished Business

Interviews to fill vacant Council seat in Ward II continued to next Special Council Meeting on October 14th, 2010 at 5:30 pm due to the injury of one of the candidates, decision will be made on that date.

Mayor Quintana introduces the second reading of Ordinance No. 996, a motion to pass made by Council person Mockmore seconded by Council person Lessar. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 996

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE CITY OF WALSENBURG VOTERS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010, AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING USE OF A PORTION OF DEPOSITED UTILITY TRUST FUND PRINCIPAL LIMITED TO \$500,000 FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PAYING AN UNFUNDED PORTION OF THE WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

WHEREAS, city of Walsenburg voters previously decided that the city of Walsenburg voters may approve the use of principal from the utility trust fund established with monies deposited from the sale of the city's electric utility system to San Isabel Electric Association; and

WHEREAS, the city is mandated by the state of Colorado to upgrade its waste-water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, total cost of the waste-water treatment plant is \$4,966,221.51 of which \$650,903.90 remains unfunded; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Walsenburg has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Walsenburg to provide the opportunity to vote on the use of \$500,000 of the Utility Trust Fund principal to offset part of this unfunded balance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Walsenburg as follows:

1. The following question shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electorate of the City of Walsenburg at the general election November 2, 2010;

UTILITY TRUST FUND QUESTION

SHALL THE CITY OF WALSENBURG SPEND A PORTION OF DEPOSITED UTILITY TRUST FUND PRINCIPAL, LIMITED TO \$500,000 EXCLUSIVELY FOR WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION COSTS?

2. Where a majority of the votes cast at the election on this measure shall be for the Measure, the measure and this ordinance shall be deemed to have passed.

INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 1st DAY OF September, 2010.

PASSED ON SECOND READING, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE this 5th day of October, 2010.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

Town Hall Meeting to discuss publically Ordinance No. 996 set for 10/20/10 @ 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Public Library as primary site, if not available meeting to be held at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Council person Dave Mockmore and seconded by Council person Nick Vigil to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the City Council or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of the City Council or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Motion passed unanimous on a roll call vote 8-0.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Bruce A. Quintana,
Mayor

Wanda A. Britt
City Clerk

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