

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
February 17, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.: the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present were: Larry Patrick, Edie Flanagin, Susan Blake, Bruce Quintana, David Mockmore, James England and Lou Taylor. Others present were Acting City Administrator Lew Quigley, Assistant City Administrator Beth Neece, City Clerk/Treasurer John E. Zgut, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt. Other Department heads present were Chief Baldonado, Gabe Gaytan, David Harriman, Richard Tenorio, Joe Pacheco, Dan Martinez Jr., Leonard Mondragon, and Ranch Manager Butch Corsentino. Erin Jerant was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting were accepted on a motion by David Mockmore, seconded by Susan Blake. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Larry Patrick and his attendees discussed line items spending; cash reserves are down because of the relatively warm winter; spending for large items will be postponed or delayed; the roof on the Railroad depot is still in need of repair, insurance CIRSA has reviewed the conditions; the gravel leases need reworking and rebidding; the Kincaid Ranch house updates are under way. City Administrator search progress will be updated by Quigley later in this meeting

City Attorney Dan Hyatt offered his **researched opinion** on the ordinances relating to street improvements. He concluded that Ordinance 917 defines street improvements broadly, is not restricted to paving only, can be used for maintenance, including salaries for employees who work on the streets, does not pay for sweeping of the streets does include curb and guttering, pot hole repair and overlays. Ordinance 917 is broader in scope than the earlier Ordinances that did not pass. It does support a line item to track street improvements.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Bruce Quintana reported the Committee has been approached by an enthusiastic group in support of a skate park. Parks and Recreation Committee will work with this group in that effort. Rates for 2009 season were discussed but not set. Hiring for the water park needs to begin. The possibilities of cabanas for rent for private parties in the park were discussed. Next meeting will be February 25, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee Chair Lou Taylor; they met on February 12, 2009 where the telephone system from dispatch was one item; a DVD of the water tank was viewed. It shows repairs are needed. Chief Baldonado investigated the location of stop signs at various intersections. Research shows that the Chief of Police has the authority to set and remove traffic control devices. The all-employee safety meeting will be February 27, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. and the next regular Safety and ADA Committee will be March 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee Chair Edie Flanagin reported her team met with Graber and the Applegate Group on the Martin lake dam project. Then held the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. the comprehensive water plan idea was approved by Water Commissioner Brgoch. The gravel leasing was discussed; radio satellite reads were discussed; funding is only available for two of the three needed at \$5000 each to monitor the water in the Cuchara River. Flumes are needed along with the radio read stations. Compliance warnings on the raw water lines are expected. A mitigation plan is needed.

The water tank needed is another 1.5 million gallon capacity, especially now with the Northlands

added to our gravity feed system. The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 March 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Forum

Gay Davis and School District RE 1 Superintendent Grayson presented their request for the use of city crews and equipment to move four 5-ton concrete bases for lighting at the new sports complex. The School District does not own any equipment large enough to move such items. Lou Taylor made the motion with James England seconding approval of in-kind assistance to the School District RE 1 for the project. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0. David Harriman has already allocated 16 hours for the task.

REPORTS

John E. Zgut City Treasurer read the current bank balance provided by Krystal Vigil, Finance Director in the amount of \$8,519,002.53. Susan Blake and Edie Flanagan made and seconded the motion to accept the report. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Larry Patrick made the motion to approve the reports submitted by the various Department heads to City Council at this time; Susan Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0. Chief Baldonado answered some questions on his yearly crime statistical report for 2008.

Lew Quigley provided some observations---he has had only two complaints thus far in his time here. He asked City Council to approve reappointment of John B. Vallejos to the Regional Building Authority Board. Larry Patrick made the motion with Susan Blake seconding to support that approval. The Roll Call Vote was 7 to 1 with Lou Taylor voting no.

Lew Quigley reported the list of 25 applicants was narrowed down to 8. He will direct City Clerk Zgut to contact these persons selected to a phone interview for Monday and Tuesday next week in the evenings. From there three or four will be selected to a personal interview. The process should be done and a person on board by April 1, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Rosa's Cantina was sanctioned earlier this evening by Ms. Lopez signing s stipulation to close for 12 days for violation of the liquor code. At this time, Edie Flanagan made the motion to approve the sanctions and stipulation. The motion was seconded by Lou Taylor. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 7 to 1 with Bruce Quintana abstaining. The motion included adopting of Penalty/Stipulation Guidelines Violations of the Beer and Liquor Codes for City Council when acting in the capacity of the Liquor License Authority for the City of Walsenburg.

New Business

Larry Patrick made the motion with James England seconding to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Loaf 'n' Jug at 200 Main Street. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Larry Patrick made the motion with several seconding the approval of resolution 2009 R-2. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

John E. Zgut,
City Clerk

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