

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
March 3, 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, Erin Jerant, James England and Lou Taylor. Others present were acting City Administrator Lew Quigley, City Clerk/Treasurer John E. Zgut, Assistant Administrator Beth Neece, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were accepted on a motion by David Mockmore, seconded by James England. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Larry Patrick noted gas sales were down from February 2008 due to warm weather; spending on large items is still on hold. The Preliminary Engineering Report was discussed and TetraTech as the city's engineering firm of record on past projects was noted. Bids for the Railroad depot roof were discussed; the Chamber of Commerce offices are housed there for no rent. Walsenburg Wild Waters Park admission fees were discussed and will be again at the next meeting; a water line in to the Railroad depot came apart; this flooded the basement area with 51/2 feet of water. Insurance engineers were in today surveying the claim. Electricity has been shut off to the building as has heat. A firm has been contracted to assess the quality of the air therein. Next finance meeting will be March 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Bruce Quintana reported the swamp cooler has been installed to allow more efficient air flow and the inner door cut. The Blue Seal Slide has been ordered. Pergolas are being built and more for the lifeguard stations are being considered for shading. March 11 at 5:00 p.m. will be next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Safety Committee Chair Lou Taylor did report on the all employee safety meeting held Friday the 27 February 2009. A video on body mechanics was viewed. Next all employee meeting will be 27 March 2009 at 8:30 a.m. Next safety Committee meeting is March 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee Chair Edie Flanagin noted there had been no meeting but plenty of water issues are on the agenda for her Committee meeting on March 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Pizza Hut and Dakota Camp Ground water will be shut off at 10 a.m. on the 4th for a major leak repair. Time was spent with Applegate Engineering services for the Martin Lake Dam valve

Citizen Forum

Mike Hurley came to City Council but was not ready for the Chamber of Commerce proposal for 2009 **Black Diamond Jubilee** request so asked that it be moved to the March 17, 2009 meeting. Maurice Rodriguez asked City Council when the **codification of Ordinances** will be ready. There are three copies and they all have not been reviewed by City Attorney Dan Hyatt.

REPORTS

Chief Baldonado introduced two new officers to City Council and the press, Andréa Heogg and Adam Ashby. Chief Baldonado noted the moving of the telephone system from the county to the

city from the dispatch service has been somewhat completed; enough for dispatch to stand alone. The need to really scrutinize the calls charged to the city was emphasized by City Council person Jerant.

Ranch Manager Butch Corsentino noted a trailer had been parked at the Walsenburg East Ranch garage but no items have been removed by current tenant who was notified by the fax phone number she provided to the City Clerk. The need to vacate the premises will be notified by the City Attorney, Dan Hyatt

Unfinished Business

The first item was the garage. Butch discussed it in his report. More communication will be made with Ms. Snider.

The second item was the ADA contractor and Building Inspector Leonard Mondragon was not at the meeting. These will be addressed at the March 17, 2009 meeting.

Item 'c' the gravel lease was not ready to be discussed, as City Attorney Daniel Hyatt has more work to do on the lease language, including a reclamation clause. If the pit is idle, a charge will still be assessed for idle time. James England made the motion to move this item until the next meeting on March 17, 2009; David Mockmore seconded the motion. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Discussion of the Railroad depot roof occupied time with no action was taken as CIRSA's engineer will come look again on Wednesday the 4th of March. James England made the motion to advertise for bids to repair or replace by squares the Railroad depot roof; Bruce Quintana seconded the motion. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Larry Patrick made the motion to approve acceptance of the Preliminary Engineering Report as presented to the City of Walsenburg by was discussed. A motion to move that item to the March 17, 2009 meeting was made by James England then seconded by Erin Jerant and passed by Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

New Business

The first item of new business had been taken care of in Chief Baldonado's report when he introduced his two new officers present at the meeting.

The bids for the surplus vehicles advertised for a second time were opened in this meeting. The bids by James Baca of \$495 for the Ford Crown Victoria, and Baca's \$195 bid for the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice, the bid of \$30 for the 1986 Mercury Cougar by Albert Medina and the \$100 bid for the 1984 C 70 Dump Truck by Nathan Guerrero were all accepted on a motion by Lou Taylor, seconded by Erin Jerant and then passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

James England made the motion to appoint TetraTech as the city's official engineering firm for the Northlands sewer project. Erin Jerant seconded the motion that passed on Roll Call Vote 9 to 0.

Mayor Sheldon reported on a request for a land trade by the state park of 65 acres of land in the park boundaries for a 200 acre tract across the street that the former State-run Youth Correctional Facility. The proposed exchange of land with the Division of Wildlife is for the purposes of assisting the state park to unify all the property within their boundary on the north side of the highway, & to allow additional development of the medical campus currently occupied by Spanish Peaks Regional health.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

John E. Zgut,
City Clerk

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