

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF HUERFANO  
CITY OF WALSENBURG  
Regular Session Meeting  
03/17/2009 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, Erin Jerant, James England and Lou Taylor. Others present were Interim City Administrator Lew Quigley, City Clerk/Treasurer John E. Zgut, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting were accepted on a motion by David Mockmore seconded by Susan Blake. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

The minutes of the Special City Council Meeting March 6, 2009 meeting were accepted on a motion by Erin Jerant, seconded by Bruce Quintana and passed on Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** Chair Larry Patrick reported the finance committee met on March 16th. They received a rundown on the health of our various funds from Mark Kennedy of UBS. They went over monthly financial reports from Krystal Vigil. They are awaiting results of gas sales for March. They have received 1 bid for repair of the roof at the train depot. Finance looked at bids from 2 companies for security cameras at the water park, the Capitol Hill water tank and the filter plant. ADT had the lowest bids. Edie Flanagin made a motion to hire ADT to be the security company. James England seconded with a question about the cost of a 4<sup>th</sup> camera for the water park. That info was not available but the cost of the DVRs had dropped and should offset. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

The finance committee is having staff check with CIRSA on the cost of insuring the boilers. Have not gotten additional information so will bring it up at the next meeting.

Two members of council met with Governor Ritter on Saturday. They asked the governor to consider our projects with stimulus funds. Several agencies will be handling outsourcing of dollars. He applauded the City Council, the county and Town Board of La Veta for efforts toward putting the waste transfer station together. Colorado Department of Transportation is getting stimulus dollars to work on the overpass at 10<sup>th</sup> street and I-25. Traffic going south will be re-routed through Walsenburg during that work this Spring or Summer.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** Bruce Quintana reported that the Parks and Rec committee met with the Finance committee and worked out some issues with the pricing structure at the water park.

**Safety Committee** Lou Taylor reports that Safety committee and ADA met at City Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Items brought up were replacement of poles for street lights in downtown Walsenburg. The depot basement was brought up with concerns about what the insurance company is going to do. Leonard Mondragon has been working with CIRSA on it. Pete Fraser of SCCOG told Mayor Sheldon that Colorado Department of Transportation has money available for enhancement projects.

**Public Resources Committee** Edie Flanagin reports that the Public Resources Committee met on March 10<sup>th</sup>. First was a proposal from Tres Valles West Owners' Association. The association wanted to buy 10 acre feet of water from the Walsenburg Coler Ditch shares. The association was informed that our water shares are for lease only. They are not interested in leasing and will pursue other avenues. There was also a presentation from Lori Silva who wants to buy 3 acres of

the east ranch to start a goat farm/dairy. It was requested that she provide a business plan and an appraisal of the land and buildings. Ms. Snyder will be out of the garage at the ranch by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Harriman gave a report about outside water issues. Martin Lake outlet contract with Applegate is on track. Water usage for the golf course must be accounted for this year. There will be a day-long workshop with Marjorie Sant and Beorn Courtney on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Citizen Forum**

Mike Hurley of the Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the Black Diamond Jubilee. Mayor Sheldon asked they knew that the chamber needs to supply the forms to the vendors to pay their sales tax. There was discussion about concerns regarding blocking Dollar General's (Martie Henderson's) parking lot from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It was moved by Council person Quintana and seconded by Council person Flanagan that the preliminary plan to block off the streets be approved. Lou Taylor asked that the vote be postponed until the Safety Committee has a chance to look at everything. Mayor Sheldon then suggested that they get special events liquor license to Council for approval no later than the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting since it's a long process to get it back from the state.

Huerfano County Historical Society presented the photos that they had re-matted and framed in archival materials. There was also discussion regarding the depot and the National Register materials and whether the Historical Society has the original contracts between the City and the railroad. James England asked Margaret if she would provide copies of her copies of any contracts related to the depot to Beth Neece.

### **REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report: John Zgut gave the schedule of cash accounts report. Erin Jerant moved to approve the report, seconded by James England. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

Mayor Sheldon listed the remainder of reports they were given to review and asked for questions from Council. The sales tax comparison report was discussed. Conversion of the Northlands businesses and ways of incenting the businesses who have not yet converted from county to city sales tax were also discussed. The clerk was asked to contact the department of revenue to notify them of the businesses that are not in compliance.

There was a question about one of the items on the checkbook report for surveys for the annexation of the water treatment plant.

Edie Flanagan asked Leonard Mondragon about the Building and Nuisance enforcement report and asked that he include dates that letters were sent. There was discussion regarding burned out and/or abandoned properties and the process for dealing with them. Lew Quigley had some suggestions and asked to have this item put on his list of things to take care of. He said he and Lenny will work on it.

The non-metered (water) properties report was discussed as was a question about putting a master meter at Black Diamond Estates and ordering parts for meters.

Cost estimates for a sewer line at a property in the 800 block of Kansas were also discussed.

Lew Quigley was asked to give the administrator's report. This is his last meeting as the interim. He is very pleased with the progress made in several areas since his last term as interim in 2006. He also had some suggestions about improvements going forward.

Chief Baldonado reiterated the fact that southbound I-25 traffic will be diverted through town during work on the Highway 10 bridge. The transfer of responsibility for dispatch services to the county was also discussed.

Butch Corsentino gave the ranch report.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Pinon Hills request for lease of 1 acre foot of water was discussed. There are some

concerns regarding leasing water to entities outside city limits, especially if the city has to impose water restrictions. Edie Flanagin made a motion to approve the lease and authorize Mayor Sheldon to sign the contract. It was seconded by James England. The motion failed on a Roll Call vote of 6 to 3.

Next was the report from Leonard Mondragon on the ADA Contractor selection.

The gravel lease was discussed next. Lew Quigley suggested waiting to vote until the wind energy people have a chance to present their proposal. Motion was made by James England to instruct staff to do stake and survey and to postpone any further discussion until we hear back from the wind company. It was seconded by David Mockmore. Motion passed by a Roll Call vote of 9 to 0.

The next item was regarding the repair/replacement of the roof and the flood damage in the basement, including the boiler, at the depot building and the insurance on that boiler and the boiler at the water park. No action was taken.

### **New Business**

First was the approval of an electrical contractor for the Kincaid Ranch, city hall and water park wiring. The Finance committee recommended and Larry Patrick made a motion that we approve Autograph Electric as the contractor for all of those projects. Edie Flanagin seconded. The motion passed by a Roll Call vote of 9 to 0.

Next item on the agenda was the pool charges for 2009. Bruce Quintana reported on changes made to pricing in addition to work that's being done at the water park. A motion was made by Bruce Quintana and Seconded by Edie Flanagin to accept the new pool rates for the upcoming season. Motion passed by a Roll Call vote of 9 to 0.

The next item was the exchange of land for the water tank. No action was taken.

The next item is annexation of the land under the waste water treatment plant. It was decided this item would be postponed.

The final item on the agenda is a discussion of water restrictions. No action taken at this time.

Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

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Edith T. Sheldon,  
Mayor

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Loretta Sheldon,  
Deputy City Clerk

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