

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
04/07/2009 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 City Administrator Alan Hein, Interim City Administrator Lew Quigley, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Sheldon, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt.

In the absence of City Clerk John Zgut a motion was made by James England to appoint Loretta Sheldon to the position of Deputy City Clerk. It was seconded by Susan Blake. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0. A motion was made by James England and seconded by Lou Taylor to appoint Loretta Sheldon to the position of Deputy Treasurer. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0. Judge Lusero administered the oath of office to Loretta Sheldon.

Mayor Sheldon introduced new City Administrator Alan Hein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James England to postpone the approval of minutes from the March 17, 2009 Regular City Council meeting and the March 18, 2009 special meeting until the April 21st, 2009 Regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Edi Flanagin. Motion passed by a Roll Call vote of 9-0.

Removal of items from Agenda

Mayor Sheldon called for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item a (Black Diamond Jubilee) under unfinished business and item g under unfinished business (approval of the Preliminary Engineering Report from Accurate EngiSurv). The agenda was not previously accepted so the amendment by motion was not necessary.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Chair Larry Patrick reported the finance committee met with Gabe Gaytan of the gas department regarding the boiler at the train depot. The recommendation from Gabe is to put in a forced-air furnace. Leonard Mondragon suggested an over-all evaluation of the building in order to ask for funds from CDOT for doing additional work on the facility before seeking historical designation. They are awaiting estimates of cost. They are also still waiting for word from CIRSA on replacing the roof at the depot. They have received bids.

They discussed the automatic deposit option now in place for payroll. They would like to have more employees participate.

Discussion of an auditor change is on the agenda later in the meeting.

There was also discussion regarding a pay increase for Mayor and City Council beginning with the new council in 2010. It must be decided prior to the elections in November. A motion was made and seconded and then rescinded and potential action was postponed to a later meeting.

Finance committee recommended paying for a pump that was ordered by mistake. The manufacturer would not take it back. The water department will try to sell it to another city that uses that size pump.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Bruce Quintana reported that the Parks and Rec committee discussed hiring. There are 13 applications for life guard. The new slide is in. The punch cards will be purchased shortly. They are hoping to get more life guard applications.

Safety Committee

Erin Jerant reported that the committee discussed police procedures and that they would entertain any safety complaints from citizens at any future meetings.

Public Resources Committee

Eddie Flanagin reports that the Public Resources Committee met on March 31st. They opened with a phone conference with Marjorie Sant and Beorn Courtney the water attorney and water engineer regarding pending water issues. The water situation is favorable this year for leasing water to outside entities. The snowpack is good and the reservoirs are full. They talked with Huajatolla Valley Estates about renewing their lease for 2009. The committee recommends renewing this lease. The second lease discussed was with Pinon Hills estates. The committee recommends leasing them water also. The last request was from Tres Valles West. This lease is not for domestic consumptive but for aesthetic and sporting use and for stock tanks. The committee recommends charging for the augmented water and not the consumptive use water.

The Kincaid ranch house should be ready for occupancy by May 1st. The committee recommends that the Housing Authority handle all rental matters having to do with the house.

The surveyors have all the information they need to block the East Prairie Ranch into sections for gravel mining. It may take several weeks to get information back from them.

We will hear from Viento Claro wind project later in the meeting.

Citizen Forum

Brendt and Maria Berger made a presentation to ask for a \$1500.00 donation to help defray the costs of a new exhibition starting on May 5th. Larry Patrick made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to this cause. Susan Blake seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

Debbie Schronz with the tobacco coalition appeared to request a resolution of support to take to the school board regarding extending the school perimeter so that students don't have the time to go off school property to smoke a cigarette. No action was taken.

Judy Gallegos with Rocky Mountain SER appeared to ask the city to support a summer employment program for youth by employing some of the students. SER will pay wages for students in the program.

REPORTS

Mayor Sheldon left it up to Lew Quigley and new administrator Alan Hein as to who would give the administrator's report. Mr. Hein, only here for 2 days, deferred to Mr. Quigley. Mayor Sheldon thanked Mr. Quigley for his service.

Chief Baldonado reported that Sergeant James Chamberlain has returned from Iraq. He also talked about response to the community center during the storm on a request from Councilman Quintana.

Butch Corsentino gave the ranch report including an update on the Holita ditch and a field on the East ranch that might be used for haying.

Unfinished Business

Jim Felt (water rights attorney), Bobbie Andreatta and Betty Kreutzer appeared on behalf of The Pinon Hills subdivision to request the lease of 1 acre foot of water. James England made a motion to accept the Pinon Hills potential water lease for water credit as presented for \$1545.00

for the 1 acre foot and authorize the Mayor to sign all paperwork. It was seconded by Erin Jerant. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

Next was the lease for Tres Valles. James England moved that we postpone this item until a member of the Tres Valles water board can present something to full council. Lou Taylor seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 9 to 0.

The next item on the agenda is the CIRSA boiler and machinery insurance. Lou Taylor made a motion to postpone this item until the April 21st meeting as there has not been enough time to review. Seconded by James England. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

The next item is rental of the Kincaid property. Edie Flanagin, Beth Neece and Butch Corsentino gave a report on the progress of preparations. There was discussion regarding the management of the property by the Housing Authority. James England made a motion to authorize the Walsenburg Housing Authority to manage the property and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to make that happen. Edie Flanagin seconded. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 8 to 0 with one abstention from David Mockmore.

New Business

First item was the liquor license renewal application for the Moon Glow Inn. James England moved that the application be accepted as presented. Seconded by Edie Flanagin. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0 with one abstention from Bruce Quintana.

The next item was the renewal of the liquor license for The Iron Horse. Edie Flanagin moved that the liquor license renewal application be approved. It was seconded by James England. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

The next item was a presentation from Ralph Hubregsen and Greg Kolomitz for Viento Claro wind project. They are asking for a non-binding letter of intent in order to move forward with obtaining financing for the preliminary study. There was discussion regarding using the land for gravel mining vs. wind turbines. Mayor Sheldon asked if they would come down for a Work Session. They agreed. No action was taken.

Next on the agenda was Wilma Martinez regarding Plaza de Los Leones liquor license and insurance. There was also discussion about a parade permit because of the re-routing of I-25 traffic. Item was postponed until the April 21st meeting.

The next item is Jessica Newton for the Huajatolla Valley Estates water lease. Edie Flanagin made a motion to approve the lease of a minimum of 6 acre feet for 2009 for Huajatolla Valley Estates and that the Mayor be authorized to sign it. The motion was seconded by Bruce Quintana. Motion passed by roll call vote of 8 to 1.

David Mockmore moved that we postpone the discussion of a new auditor for a future meeting. James England seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9 to 0.

Meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

Loretta Sheldon,
Deputy City Clerk

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