

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
June 2, 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 Jim Moore. Others present were City Administrator Alan Hein, Assistant City Administrator Beth Neece, City Clerk/Treasurer John E. Zgut, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The corrected minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting were accepted on a motion by Jim Moore, seconded by David Mockmore. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Larry Patrick reported several City Council members were present for the meeting held on June 1, 2009. Finance Committee would like to meet with CIRSA to discuss coverage or lack thereof on some recent claims they have denied the city under their insurance. On the personnel policy, there is more data needed by Committee before approval of whole document can be made. Next meeting will be 5:15 p.m. on June 15, 2009.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Bruce Quintana reported the Committee met at Walsenburg Wild Waters Park for their meeting and they did a walk through to view the improvements such as the Dutch door and the swamp cooler that is keeping the staff cool thus far. Problems with inclement weather affected the operations the first week of

Safety Committee Chair Erin Jerant did not attend tonight's meeting. The diverted I-25 southbound traffic was the main subject and Chief Baldonado noted that as of today, things were running fairly smoothly.

Public Works Committee Chair Edie Flanagin discussed proposals by a non-profit group that may be interested in using those buildings at the former Youth Camp the city owns. A meeting has been scheduled at the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center in the board room for 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2009 with the group to discuss the use of those former Youth Correctional Facility buildings. There is need for a viable group to do maintenance on the vacant buildings and the opinion is that the city does not need that task. Another item brought was the need to locate deeds to any property the city owns or has access to such as the Alessi Dam that the county wants to include in their trail system.

The opening of the Transfer Station by the county has prompted Committee discussion of local residents cleaning up their own property during the half-price days offered by the county at the Transfer Station on certain days. There will be other low-cost days when the City of Walsenburg and La Veta pay their requested contributions to the County. Presently, the lower cost days are June 6th through 9th, 2009. The spring clean-up days by city crews are completed and other arrangements must be made by residents to have their items hauled.

Citizen Forum

Nancy Lave' appeared for the Chamber of Commerce who has contracted with a carnival out of Utah that agreed to bring a small enough carnival to fit in the Heritage Park area so children will have a reason to attend. Larry Patrick made the motion to approve a downsized version of the

carnival for the Black Diamond Jubilee for 2009. Bruce Quintana and James England both seconded the motion that the motion that passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Nick Vigil, who asked to be on the agenda, did not appear.

REPORTS

City Administrator Alan Hein had the following items in his report:

Walsenburg Wild Waters Park Mr. Hein noted the park opened in an orderly manner and let the Parks and Recreation Committee Chair report stand as the rest of the report on this item.

Natural Gas Transmission Line Status Mr. Hein noted the city staff handled the break, repair, and relighting of pilot lights the best he has experienced in his career. He thanked and commended the gas department staff in their professional quality efforts. He noted the how to proceed was formulated Saturday morning by him and was carried out in an orderly manner. City Council asked if there was something learned from the experience. Hein replied there are still four problem areas that need addressing before he will be satisfied with the outcome.

Solid Waste Transfer Station Grand Opening has been scheduled for June 3, 4, and 6th 2009 by the County Commissioners. This is not the City of Walsenburg and La Veta special fee grand opening which will occur later in the summer.

Northlands Waste Water Collection System Hein noted the grant data was given to those responsible for the grant for the Northlands waste water collection system; now there is a waiting period until the approval is received.

Gateway Project Status an estimate from Abel Contracting is on the agenda the project has been broken down into phases and this first one has money in the budget for the \$1000.00 it will cost. Bruce Quintana and City Administrator Alan Hein will meet on the project before next City Council meeting.

Chief Of Police Report Chief Baldonado noted thus far there have been no real problems with the traffic diversion as it is only the first two days. The weekend will be telling. The retimed traffic lights have helped. Mayor Sheldon tried to have the Railroad change routes during the diversion, but had no luck with BNSF Railroad. There was some concern over misplaced route signs which will be re-set, according to Chief Baldonado. The concern over the cost of dispatch services was addressed by Chief Baldonado; he noted there are budgeted monies for this and we are under budget at this point.

Unfinished Business

The letter of support for South Central Council of Governments grant for housing was discussed and the approved to be written on a motion by Edie Flanagan and the seconded by James England and passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

A motion to approve the contract with Abel Consulting and to allow the City Administrator to contract with the firm was made by James England, and the seconded by Edie Flanagan. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

New Business

The motion for the renewal of the liquor license for Alpine Rose Café was made by James England and seconded by Bruce Quintana. There was concern about violations cited by the Colorado Department of Revenue agents, but since these were made by the Division, City

Attorney Dan Hyatt advised City Council to approve the license and let the State mete out the consequences. His opinion was that the do not affect the renewal at this time. Motion to approve the liquor license renewal passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Following discussion a fireworks license was approved for Judy Reiners under the current Peddler License Ordinance. Mrs. Reiners applied for one week permit to sell fireworks from her West 7th St. location. Motion to approve was made by James England and seconded by Bruce Quintana. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0. An aside by City Attorney Dan Hyatt to City Clerk noted that a certain form prescribed by the state for single proprietors of businesses had to be part of the application process. This is part of a law passed in 2006 by the State Legislature.

Larry Patrick made the motion to approve the Fireworks License for Duckwalls Store. Motion was seconded by James England. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

The matter of the formation of a Home Rule Committee for the purpose of proposing moving the City of Walsenburg in that direction was handed back to City Administrator Alan Hein for further work

Following discussion, on the matter of a mural supporting local businesses on a wall at 7th and Main Street proposed by Richard McEntee, owner of the building in question and the fact that he has had several vinyl signs on the wall that have been destroyed by locally legendary strong winds, a motion to allow a local artist to submit to City Council a sketch of the proposed mural was made by Edie Flanagan and seconded by James England and Susan Blake passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

John E. Zgut,
City Clerk

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