

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
October 7, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sheldon called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.: the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present were: Larry Patrick, Edie Flanagin, Susan Blake, Bruce Quintana, Erin Jerant, James England and Lou Taylor. Others present were City Administrator Eric Pearson, City Clerk/Treasurer John E. Zgut, and City Attorney Daniel Hyatt.

The first item of business was to name a replacement representative for the vacated Ward 3 seat of City Councilman Paul Alhadeff who moved out of the city. After the vote, on the two applicants for the seat, David Mockmore was seated as City Councilman Ward 3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting were accepted on a motion by Lou Taylor, seconded by James England. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8-0.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Larry Patrick noted a letter was received from Colorado Trust that city's money is safe in light of the recent challenges to US financial markets and the nation's banks. Finance Director Krystal Vigil and Carmen Collins are in Utah for training at the source, Caselle. Medical insurance may increase depending on which plan the city accepts for 2009 and that meeting will be Friday October 10, 2008. There is a move to increase business fees in the future from the \$5.00 perpetual to a more reasonable annual business fee. A budget meeting will be held October 29, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. A discussion was held on the deficit at the Walsenburg Wild Waters Park 2008 season end. Next meeting will be October 20, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Bruce Quintana commented on the error in the local press of a great dollar shortfall at Walsenburg Wild Waters Park; there was a Committee stroll through the park to assess where to place another building for a snack bar, if funding is approved. Next meeting will be October 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee Chair Lou Taylor noted there was no employee safety meeting in September as that day was the mock disaster exercise for Huerfano County. The next Safety Committee meeting will be October 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee Chair Edie Flanagin noted her Committee met last on September 17, 2008. They discussed the status of the Walsenburg East Ranch well, and the need to comply with the 1.5 acre feet limit permit on the well. The well has used in 2008 14 acre feet and that overage, while being illegal, is also augmented back to the river two gallons to one, costing City of Walsenburg water owners, the taxpayers, a lot of money for the process.

Leaf and limb pick up will be done by the city, perhaps the last time this year. The new transfer station, a cooperative effort between the city and county should be done by February 2009.

Citizen Forum

C. A. MacMillan appeared before City Council as a representative of Petroglyph Operating Company to ask permission to drill on property the City of Walsenburg owns in the La Veta area. He asks for **access to the mineral rights** and **offered the city a contract**. That contract was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

REPORTS

City Administrator **Eric Pearson reported** he neglected to place on the agenda the **alley vacate on W. Fourth Street** from last meeting. The vacate Ordinance will be on the October 21, 2008 agenda. The Ordinance for **rezoning Northlands** will be on the next agenda, also. The estimate is **health insurance** for city employees **to increase approximately 7.4%** for 2009. Bill Cook will meet with the city Friday to discuss the increase and 2009 options. The city hired **Beth Neece** for the Assistant Administrator position. She began the 29th of September. Pearson has **required all Department heads to attend the second meeting** of each month to answer any questions about their reports included in that Regular City Council meeting.

Walsenburg East Ranch well shutoff determined where all the unknown lines are located. Notices went to those known to be on the well. Water supervisors have learned a lot about the extensions off that system. New contracts will be negotiated therefore. Also, a 2006 agreement allowed 6.5 acre feet, with the demand that anything over the 1.5 acre feet will have to be augmented, meaning those users will/must pay augmentation fees. Three meters were found to serve stock tanks. The 2006 agreement allows that use on the "Corsentino Ranch" that is not defined and does not exist as the city owns the Walsenburg East Ranch.

Chief Baldonado reported the mock disaster exercise went well, showing the communication gaps in the system that must be addressed. The drill created more questions than those answered. There were problems with the Sheriff Office radios that were revealed. A written report is forthcoming from the county emergency manager, Diego Bobian.

Walsenburg Police Department is still short 5 positions. Advertising on the COPS network and Channels 5/30 web site and the city's web site continues.

Unfinished Business

Both candidates for the **Ward 3 City Council person** were present. They were interviewed at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting. A motion by James England and seconded by Erin Jerant was made to present both persons for a vote. Nancy Lave was voted for by Larry Patrick, Edie Flanagan, and Susan Blake. David Mockmore was supported by votes from Bruce Quintana, Erin Jerant, James England, Lou Taylor, and Mayor Sheldon. Mockmore won the seat on a Roll Call Vote of 5 to three. Mr. Mockmore was sworn in by City Clerk Zgut, then invited to take his seat with the rest of City Council. Mrs. Lave was asked to stay involved with her interest in City Council and to attend meetings. She was thanked by Mayor Sheldon for her willingness to apply for the City Council seat.

A **work session/orientation** for the new City Councilman and a refresher course for all council were set for **Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

New Business

James England made the motion with Bruce Quintana seconding to **renew the liquor license for Sarti's Bar**. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

A motion to renew the **Bresnan Franchise Agreement** for 5 years, was made by Larry Patrick seconded by Edie Flanagan and passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0. City Attorney Dan Hyatt has reviewed the agreement.

Resolution 2008 R-22 was presented and passed as amended on a motion by Bruce Quintana, seconded by Susan Blake. The motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 1 with Lou Taylor objecting.

RESOLUTION 2008 R-22

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF WALSENBURG FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Walsenburg establishes a uniform set of charges for services rendered by the Streets, Alleys, Water, Sewer, and Gas Departments in the City of Walsenburg.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Walsenburg, Colorado wishes to increase those charges by establishing a new set of uniform charges for services rendered by the City of Walsenburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Walsenburg that beginning on October 7, 2008 the charges for services rendered by the City of Walsenburg is as follows:

1. Maintainer w/operator	\$ 75.00/hour
2. Street Sweeper w/operator	75.00/hour
3. Loader w/operator	100.00/hour
4. Backhoe w/operator	100.00/hour
5. Dump Truck w/operator	50.00/hour
6. Trencher w/operator/ accessories	50.00/hour
7. Pickup truck w/operator/accessories	30.00/hour
8. Water Pump w/hose	30.00/hour
9. Quicksaw (cutting wheels extra)	20.00/hour
10. Tamping Machine	20.00 hour
11. Transit w/accessories	30.00/hour
12. Gas generator	30.00/hour
13. Weed cutter	25.00/hour
14. Pressure washer	15.00/hour
15. Chain saw	20.00/hour
16. All other tools or equipment	20.00/hour

Additional personnel will be charged on a per hour basis based on current rate of pay, including benefits.

RESOLVED this 7th day of October, 2008.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Edith T. Sheldon

John E. Zgut, City Clerk

A motion to **authorize and instruct the auditor to prepare the financial statements** for the City of Walsenburg was made by James England and seconded by Edie Flanagin. The motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Following a discussion and instruction by City Attorney Dan Hyatt, Larry Patrick reworded the motion to **return to the county** a portion of the **monies** the county purchased the **land for the Transfer Station** to assist the county to defray the cost of developing the Transfer Station. James England seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with a Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Edie Flanagin made the motion to hold a **Fall Leaf and Limb** pick up beginning with Ward 4 first on the last 2 weeks of October, 2008. Larry Patrick seconded the motion that passed on Roll Call Vote of 9 to 0.

Adjournment

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

John E. Zgut,
City Clerk

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