

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
CITY OF WALSENBURG
Regular Session Meeting
December 16, 2008 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, 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. David Mockmore was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were accepted on a motion by Larry Patrick, seconded by Susan Blake. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

The minutes of the December 9, 2008 Special City Council meeting were accepted on a motion by Erin Jerant, and then seconded by James England. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Chair Larry Patrick reported Caselle will be used to generate the c/t report, although it will be called another name and be longer; the bids for legal notices were opened by the Committee and will recommend later in meeting the results; options for high heating bills are LEAP and budget billing; the mil levy for 2009 has been set at the December 9, 2008 meeting and the budget was sent to the county on December 15, 2008 and to the state as required.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Bruce Quintana noted at the December 10, 2008 meeting, the excessive heat in the snack bar was one topic that may be solved by opening up one wall in the building. Leonard Mondragon Building Inspector will be invited to give his opinions on the idea at the January 14, 2009 meeting.

Safety Committee Chair Lou Taylor noted the safety Committee will not meet in December and have no all-employees meeting in December as the last Friday falls on a holiday this year. His next meeting will be scheduled on January 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee Chair Edie Flanagin had a short meeting on December 9, 2008 as the needed data from the Kincaid Ranch appraisal was not received. Lease of Walsenburg East Ranch North for gravel use will be place for bid, and the donation of the burned apartment building at Walsen and Indiana was referred to Colorado Brownfields for consideration. The next Public Works Committee meeting will be January 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Forum

No citizen registered before meeting time.

REPORTS

City Treasurer John E. Zgut reported Cash on Hand at the end of November 2008 with a Caselle generated report of \$8,372,867.84. Larry Patrick made the motion of approve the City Treasurer report, James England seconded the motion. Motion passed on Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

The various reports were reviewed by City Council were commented on by Department heads as questions came up. James England made the motion that Edie Flanagin seconded to accept the various reports as presented; motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

City Administrator Eric Pearson report noted the mil levy was accepted by City Council at Special City Council meeting on the 9th; the budget will be sent to Department of Local Affairs as required on December 03, 2008; a revised 2008 budget will accompany that. City Council recommended a Special City Council meeting to revise the 2008 City of Walsenburg budget. Notices are to be posted on web site and in the paper. The issue of raw water usage came up at a state review of the clean water treatment plant. A cease and desist order can be expected in the next 3 years, if not sooner. Additional security at the plant and at the Capitol Hill water tank was also issues discussed at that inspection. Bridge inspectors met with Gerald Sandoval after their early morning inspection of the Ysidro and Railroad Bridge with recommendations to following in writing by March, 2009. Some discussion of cleaning the many trees out of the Cuchara River bottom was held.

Chief Baldonado had noting new on the suspected arson at the West 6th Street homes. The CBI has completed its investigation. Early morning sanding of the intersections of city streets was commended by Chief Baldonado.

Ranch Manager Butch Corsentino noted the Falduto cattle were still at the north pasture as the have not found a place to move them. City Attorney Dan Hyatt noted the have until 31 December to move the cattle no one knew if the Faldutos have paid rent on the land recently. The Kincaid Ranch well has been drilled but not hooked to the cistern in this bad weather.

Unfinished Business

James England made the motion seconded to adopt on second reading Ordinance 981, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALSENBURG REGARDING APPLICATION FEES FOR LIQUOR LICENSES, local fees approved by the state for local liquor licensing. Larry Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

James England made the motion to accept the bid of *Huerfano Journal* of 7 cents per line for the first line for legal publications according to the bid specifications laid out in bids for such legal publications for the City of Walsenburg. Both Bruce Quintana and Lou Taylor seconded the motion that passed on a Roll Call Vote of 7 to 0 with Larry Patrick abstaining.

New Business

A motion to set over for hearing at 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2009 the renewal for renewal for the liquor license for Rosa's Cantina

Erin Jerant made the motion seconded by James England to open for discussion Ordinance 982, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALSENBURG, COLORADO, REQUIRING BUSINESS LICENSES FOR BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WALSENBURG, COLORADO AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SAID LICENSES by title only. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

Following the disc on the Ordinance, James England made the motion seconded by Edie Flanagin to publish in full Ordinance 982 and to review the particulars in the January 5, 2009 finance meeting. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 8 to 0.

James England made a motion seconded by Edie Flanagin to set December 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. for Public Hearing and a Special City Council to consider Resolution 2008 R-32 - A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE CITY OF WALSENBURG, COLORADO. Motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of six to two with Erin Jerant voting no.

On a Roll Call Vote of 5 to three a motion by Larry Patrick seconded by Edie Flanagin to make January 2, 2009 a Friday and a day after a holiday a paid holiday for employees of the City

of Walsenburg, Bruce Quintana, Susan Blake and Lou Taylor voted no.

Adjournment

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

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

Edith T. Sheldon,
Mayor

John E. Zgut,
City Clerk

The preceding minutes were prepared according to §47 of Robert's Rules of Order, i.e. they contain a record of what was *done* at the meeting, not what was *said* by the members. Tape recordings of the meeting are available for 6 months thereafter only for listening in the City Clerk's Office as well as copies of Ordinances and Resolutions.