

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF HUERFANO  
CITY OF WALSENBURG  
Special City Council Meeting  
March 29, 2010 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Quintana called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present were: Rick Jennings, Silvana Lind, Nick Vigil, James England, David Mockmore, Erin Jerant, and James Moore.

**Unfinished Business**

- ◆ Krystal Vigil gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the financials during and after which she and Mr. Hein answered questions from Council members. There was discussion about the length of time it takes to close the books at the end of the year. There was also an explanation of the difference between modified accrual accounting and cash accounting. In response to a question from Mayor Quintana about changing systems, Mr. Hein said that we are researching the possibilities but that we have a large investment in this system that is only 2 years old and it will cost the city considerably more to change again but that we are also looking into whether the Caselle system can adapt to a different form of accounting. Mayor pro tem England asked that the Finance Director and the Treasurer be present at the Finance meeting prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting each month so that any questions can be addressed at that time.

**New Business**

- ◆ The Susan Maffoni quit claim deed – Mr. Hein explained that the Maffonis have been maintaining this small, triangular piece of land at 7<sup>th</sup> and Leon, across from City Park, and they would like to have it. David Mockmore moved, seconded by James England, that the quit claim deed for the property be approved. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.
- ◆ The Huerfano World building – Silvana Lind reported that she has looked at this property. There are 1458 square feet of heated office space and 856 square feet of non-heated storage space. There is a bathroom, kitchen area with sink. It seems to be in decent condition. She understands there is a contract on the building. Mayor pro tem England said he has talked to the realtor and the parties who have already submitted a contract and it looks like a pretty sure thing. There was discussion regarding the reason we would want to be purchasing real estate at this time and what could be done with the building.
- ◆ Indian Pool Ranch – Mr. Hein explained that this was prompted by the closing of the prison. The County has applied for emergency funding. It was discussed at the CCT meeting. Faris Land and Cattle has offered a 35 acre parcel of land behind the Budget Host motel on Highway 69 for a light industrial park. Mr. Galusha went to Denver and talked with OEDIT about securing a grant through this emergency fund. Part of that is an interlocal agreement between the County and the City where the County will furnish all the materials for this project for the improvement of the infrastructure for the Northlands. After further discussion, James Moore moved, seconded by James England, that the proposal to provide the letter of intent for the easement and the installation of the in-kind work for the grant be accepted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the letter, and that a follow-up workshop regarding annexation be held.

**Adjournment**

City Council meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CITY OF WALSENBURG

ATTEST:

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Bruce A. Quintana, Mayor

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Loretta Sheldon, City Clerk

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