

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF HUERFANO  
CITY OF WALSENBURG  
Special City Council Meeting  
April 26, 2010 7:00 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, Craig Lessar and James Moore. Also in attendance were Assistant City Administrator Beth Neece, Treasurer Jacque Sikes and City Clerk Lori Sheldon.

**Unfinished Business**

- ◆ Walsenburg Wild Waters – Beth Neece handed out the 4-day/week model that she had prepared. Gaye Davis, a grant writer for the Huerfano RE-1 School District came forward to urge the Council not to close the pool as she believes that would not only jeopardize future funding for the City but also funding for projects being done by other entities within the City, including the school district and that it would also potentially damage economic development. James England moved, seconded by Rick Jennings that Walsenburg Wild Waters be opened for the 2010 Summer season. Ms. Neece then presented her model to Council during and after which she answered questions. Extensive discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of opening. There was also discussion about whether, if opened, the possibility of closing should be re-visited should the facility be losing too much money after a certain amount of time. Several business people who were in attendance also expressed their opinions that the pool is a draw for people who will potentially spend money in the shops, hotels and restaurants in town and so tax revenue would also be impacted by closure of the park. James Moore asked that, for the record, we make note that the Council had requested information pertinent to an operating decision and that that information was not provided by the Administration. After clarification of the motion, the vote was then taken and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-2 with the nay votes being from Erin Jerant and James Moore.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

The Special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 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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