

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
Bob Beda, Chair	X		
Dusty Szymanski		X	
Erich Ferchau		X	
Ed Seymour	X		
Carolyn Riggs	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Ellen Harriman	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Steve Westbay, Planning Technician Pam Cunningham

**I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM BY CHAIR BOB BEDA**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 24, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Riggs moved to approve the March 24, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, Commissioner Larson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Ed, Bob, Greg, Carolyn

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Ellen

Motion Carried

**IV. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS**

There were none.

**V. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Ellen Harriman provided an update on the April 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Council:

- discussed the Council's stand on a plan being developed in response to the Governor's request for an economic development plan from each county;
- approved a pole attachment agreement with Time Warner Cable;
- discussed additional appropriations to the 2011 budget to address the expenses associated with the employees' health insurance issue and the carbon monoxide incident at the ice rink;
- cancelled the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for Election Day and scheduled the reorganization meeting the following Monday;
- heard several reports, including:
  - the Hartman Rocks recreation area is open north of the power line;
  - crews have finished cleaning the downtown ditches and will begin cleaning the other ditches so that the ditch water can be turned on sometime the first week of May;
  - the health of Tomichi Creek may be at risk and there is a potential for mitigation based on a pipe that goes under the airport that may be emitting something into the stream;
  - there will be a forum for the six City Council candidates on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm in the ballroom of the College Student Center and at the meeting the Mayor will make presentation on medical marijuana;
  - a report from RTA that the Continental and American Airlines guarantees for next year have been prepaid; RTA will be putting \$75,000 into air guarantees and CBMR

- will be putting in \$1 million; and, they are hoping for 8 trips per day with a \$2 charge for the bus but there may be enough money that the winter bus could be free; and,
- the Sage Grouse Festival was successful.

**VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Larson elaborated on the Governor's economic review. He attended the Region 10 kickoff meeting. At the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the document will be finalized and compiled with other Region 10 reports.
- Commissioner Riggs observed that the City has done a great job on the downtown ditches. The work was done efficiently and quickly and business owners have been surprised how quick it was and it looks great.
- Commissioner Riggs will be absent at the April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> meetings;
- Chair Beda will be absent on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE**

Director Steve Westbay provided an update on activity in the Community Development department:

- Staff has been working on an overview of the outline for an ordinance to address medical marijuana in the event it is passed by the voters. He will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Community Cleanup is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- He attended the Sage Grouse Summit which focused on scientists presenting technical papers, rather than policy. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has targeted development as the primary issue for the listing of the species and their message was that life would not significantly change if listing occurs. He will keep the Commission posted.
- The High School has contacted the Community Development department with a plan to build bleachers and lighting at the high school football field. The City has little regulatory authority over land uses on school property. According to State Statutes, the local Board of Education has oversight to determine what facilities are needed. The School District anticipates the use to be 6 to 8 times in the fall season.
- Director Westbay has been working with the City Attorney on an easement across the Wilson tracts, east of the Holiday Inn Express. Property owners were requested to grant an easement for a high pressure sewer line to serve Tomichi Village hotel. Both the City and County are a party to the easement for utilities. The City will receive a trail easement across a portion of the property to tie into the outer loop. A draft agreement will be presented to City Council in the next few weeks.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Chair Bob Beda adjourned to a work session at approximately 7:25p.m.

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Bob Beda, Chair

Attest:

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Pam Cunningham, Secretary